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HB 1 Forming Open and Robust University Minds (FORUM) Act; enact

By: Rep. Josh Bonner (72nd)

Through the Higher Education Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1 creates the 'Forming Open and Robust University Minds (FORUM) Act.' The bill provides that the unrestricted outdoor areas of the campuses of the University System of Georgia and the Technical College System of Georgia's institutions are public forums for their campus communities. The institutions shall not prohibit expressive activities in those areas or designate any campus areas as a "free speech zone". Institutions may maintain and enforce restrictions for expression so long as the restrictions are narrowly tailored to serve a significant institutional interest and employ criteria that is clear, published, neutral, and provides ample alternative means for expression. Restrictions must also allow the community to assemble spontaneously and to distribute literature.

Individuals may engage in expressive activities that do not materially and substantially disrupt the functions of the institution. Disruptions do not include conduct protected by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution. The bill does not prevent an institution from prohibiting student-on-student harassment or unlawful activities.

Policies, regulations, and expectations of student expression on campus will be made public by the institution. The institutions will also develop materials, programs, and procedures regarding student expression for all individuals responsible for the education or discipline of students.

The State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia shall publish an annual report related to its actions on free expression. The report is shared with the governor and General Assembly on July 1 of each year.

HB 56 Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit; superior court; provide additional judge

By: Rep. Wesley Cantrell (22nd)

Through the Judiciary Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 56 increases the number of judges for superior courts in the Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit from three to four. The additional judge is appointed by the governor for a term beginning July 1, 2022, until December 31, 2024. A successor shall be elected at the non-partisan judicial election held in 2024, and the elected successor shall take office January 1, 2025.

HB 203 Special license plates; Tybee Island Historical Society; establish

By: Rep. Jesse Petrea (166th)

Through the Motor Vehicles Committee

Final Bill Summary: HB 203 creates a specialty license plate supporting the Tybee Island Historical Society.

HB 218 Crimes and offenses; weapons carry license reciprocity in this state; expand

By: Rep. Mandi Ballinger (23rd)

Through the Public Safety & Homeland Security Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 218 allows reciprocity for any state's weapons carry license, as long as the holder carries according to Georgia's laws. The bill also requires the attorney general to enter into a reciprocity agreement with any state that requires one in order to recognize and give effect to a Georgia-issued license in their state.

- HB 246 Motor vehicles; issuance of replacement licenses and permits; increase fee**
By: Rep. Sam Watson (172nd) Through the Motor Vehicles Committee
Final Bill Summary: HB 246 increases the fee for a replacement permit or license from \$5 to \$10. The bill increases the cost of a limited driving permit from \$25 to \$32 and the replacement fee from \$5 to \$10.
- HB 263 Retirement; benefits for judges of probate courts; revise method through which certain actuarial equivalents are determined**
By: Rep. Mitchell Scoggins (14th) Through the Retirement Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 263 revises the computation method for the spousal benefits, as a designated survivor, under judges of the probate courts to using an interest rate and current mortality table adopted by the board. This bill is certified by the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts as a fiscal retirement bill.
- HB 275 Fire protection and safety; random drug tests for certain firefighters, emergency medical services personnel, paramedics, and cardiac technicians; require**
By: Rep. Lauren McDonald (26th) Through the Public Safety & Homeland Security Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 275 prohibits insurance companies from canceling, modifying, or refusing to issue life insurance based on an individual's status as an organ donor. The legislation provides a \$25,000 tax credit for organs donated and the costs of donation.
- HB 304 Revenue and taxation; medical equipment and supplies manufacturers and pharmaceutical and medicine manufacturers; provide tax credit**
By: Rep. Jodi Lott (122nd) Through the Ways & Means Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 304 suspends the state motor fuel excise tax through the last moment of May 31, 2022 upon the signature of the governor.
- HB 305 Professions and businesses; massage therapy; revise a definition**
By: Rep. Lee Hawkins (27th) Through the Regulated Industries Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 305 changes the definition of a "board recognized massage therapy educational program" to require that the program is approved by a national massage therapy certifying organization or a similar entity approved by the Georgia Board of Massage Therapy. Continuing education for massage therapy is revised to require that the instructors be approved and in good standing with a national massage therapy certifying organization.
- HB 328 Public utilities; one-time right of way permit fee and reduce annual right of way use fees; establish**
By: Rep. Martin Momtahan (17th) Through the Energy, Utilities & Telecommunications Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 328 establishes a one-time right-of-way permit fee and reduces the annual right-of-way fee that is paid to cities by telephone companies that do not have retail, end-user customers located within the city limits. The annual fee is reduced to five cents per linear foot and the one-time permit fee is not to exceed the lesser of \$100 or the city's actual cost of administration of the right-of-way.
- HB 342 Professions and businesses; certain advertisements related to plumbing; prohibit**
By: Rep. Dale Washburn (141st) Through the Agriculture & Consumer Affairs Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 342 prohibits any person from advertising as a master plumber or journeyman plumber without first obtaining a license from the Division of Master Plumbers and Journeyman Plumbers.
- HB 343 Game and fish; rebuttable presumption of violation by individuals in possession of hunting paraphernalia while on others' lands; provide**
By: Rep. Trey Rhodes (120th) Through the Game, Fish, & Parks Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 343 states that an individual in possession of certain hunting paraphernalia creates a rebuttable presumption that the individual has not obtained permission to hunt on private lands. The bill provides a peace officer with the discretion to enforce this Code section.

The fine for a first violation is increased from \$500 to \$975, a second violation in a two-year period is increased from \$1,000 to \$2,000, and the fine for a third violation in a two-year period is increased from \$2,000 to \$3,000.

HB 383 State government; certain contracts; Israel; provisions

By: Rep. John Carson (46th)

Through the Governmental Affairs Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 383 prohibits the state from entering into a contract valued at \$100,000 or more with a company without written certification that the company is not and will not be participating in a boycott of Israel.

HB 385 Teachers Retirement System of Georgia; employ beneficiaries; permit public school systems

By: Rep. Shaw Blackmon (146th)

Through the Retirement Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 385 allows retired members of the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia, who have obtained 30 years of creditable service, to return to work full time providing instruction as a certified teacher of pre-kindergarten through grade 12, while receiving their full post-retirement benefit. Retired members can return to work in an "area of highest need" as designated by the Department of Education in consultation with the Professional Standards Commission. The "areas of highest need" will vary across Georgia based on the Regional Education Service Agency in which the school system resides. The school system must pay the employer and employee contribution rate, and the member cannot accrue additional creditable service. The member must wait one year from the date of retirement for their return to work. The state auditor is required to provide a performance audit on the value and necessity of full-time employment of retired members and the impact on school systems. The return to work provision is valid from July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2026.

HB 389 Employment security; change definition of employment to include services performed by an individual for wages

By: Rep. Todd Jones (25th)

Through the Industry and Labor Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 389 codifies existing case law to determine whether work classifies a person as an employee or an independent contractor. The bill provides an enforcement mechanism, which adds a civil penalty paid to the Department of Labor when an employer misclassifies its employees. Fines for each misclassified employee for companies with less than 100 employees are capped at \$2,500, while fines for companies with 100 or more employees are capped at \$7,500.

The bill states that employment does not include services performed by or facilitated through a network company, so long as the network company has a written contract with the individual that expressly states that the network company shall not unilaterally prescribe specific dates, times, or a minimum number of hours that an individual is required to be logged onto the network company's application. To apply, the contract must not be terminated by the network company if a person does not: accept a specific delivery or transportation request; restrict an individual from performing transportation or delivery services through other network companies; and contractually restrict an individual from working in any other lawful occupation or business. The bill defines "ride share network service" and "network company." The bill also exempts music industry professionals.

HB 409 Judicial Legal Defense Fund Commission; establish

By: Rep. Stan Gunter (8th)

Through the Judiciary Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 409 establishes the Judicial Legal Defense Fund Commission to facilitate the provision of state-funded legal representation to justices of the Supreme Court, judges of the Court of Appeals, the Georgia State-wide Business Court, and superior courts when these judges are sued for actions taken pursuant to their official duties.

The commission shall be governed by five members appointed by the chief justice of the Supreme Court, the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the House, and the Council of Superior Court Judges of Georgia. The Council's appointment shall be a member of the judiciary. The appointments are subject to advice and consent of the Senate. The bill provides for the terms, occurrence of vacancies, officers, and voting of the membership.

In the event that a suit is filed against a judge and the attorney general does not provide representation and the costs of litigation are not covered by an insurance policy maintained by the Department of Administrative Services, it shall be the purpose of the commission to evaluate requests for representation and determine if the

suit seeks relief from actions taken pursuant to the judge's official duties. With the assistance of the State Bar of Georgia, the commission shall maintain a list of attorneys to provide representation to the judges subject to the governor's approval.

If the commission endorses a judge's request to receive representation funded by the Judicial Legal Defense Fund, which is also established in the bill and funded by the Governor's Emergency Fund, the judge shall select an attorney from the list maintained by the commission and the attorney shall prepare an estimated budget for the representation. The judge's request, commission's endorsement, selected attorney, and attorney's budget shall be sent to the governor for approval. In the event that the attorney exceeds his or her budget, the attorney must submit an amended budget for approval.

House Bill 409 also provides that when a district attorney or solicitor-general's office is conflicted out of prosecuting a case, the district attorney shall notify the executive director of the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council to appoint an attorney to act in the place of that office.

HB 412 Professions and businesses; licensure of individuals in the practice of applied behavior analysis; provide

By: Rep. Katie Dempsey (13th)

Through the Regulated Industries Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 412 creates the Georgia Behavior Analyst Licensing Board, which is composed of five members appointed by the governor. Eight new terms are defined, including: "applied behavior analysis," "behavior technician," "board," "board certified," "certifying entity," "licensed assistant behavior analyst," "licensed behavior analyst," and "practice of applied behavior analysis." The board is composed of three members who are eligible for licensure and either a board-certified behavior analyst or a board-certified behavior analyst-doctoral; one member who is eligible for licensure and a board-certified assistant behavior analyst; and one member of the public. Board terms are three years, although initial terms can be staggered, and the board regulates matters related to licensing.

An applicant for a behavior analyst license shall provide proof of successful passage of the behavior analyst examination, attainment of a master's degree based on applied behavior analysis, and active status as a board-certified behavior analyst. An applicant for an assistant behavior analyst license shall provide proof of successful passage of the assistant behavior analyst exam, attainment of a bachelor's degree based on applied behavior analysis, active status as a board-certified assistant behavior analyst, and will have ongoing supervision by a licensed behavior analyst. Violations of the unlicensed practice as either a behavior analyst or an assistant behavior analyst are subject to \$1,000 fines.

These provisions do not apply to: 1) licensed psychologists, so long as the applied behavior analysis services are within that psychologist's training; 2) a behavior technician who delivers applied behavior analysis services under the authority of a licensed behavior analyst or licensed assistant behavior analyst; 3) a caregiver of a recipient of applied behavior analyst services who delivers the services under the authority of a licensed behavioral analyst or licensed assistant behavior analyst; 4) a behavior analyst who practices with non-human or non-patient clients or consumers; 5) a licensed professional authorized to practice in the state who is not a behavior analyst, so long as the licensed professional does not represent that he or she is a licensed behavior analyst or assistant behavior analyst; 6) an enrolled graduate student or postdoctoral fellow whose activities are part of a defined behavior analysis program provided that the program is supervised by a licensed behavior analyst or an instructor in a course sequence approved by a certified entity; 7) unlicensed individuals who pursue experience in applied behavior analysis consistent with the experience requirements of a certifying entity; 8) professionals who provide general applied behavior analysis services to organizations, so long as those services are for the benefit of the organizations and do not involve direct services to individuals; 9) individuals who teach behavior analysis or conduct behavior analysis research, so long as that does not involve the direct delivery of applied behavior analysis services; 10) behavior analysts licensed in another jurisdiction or certified by a certifying entity to practice independently and who work in Georgia for a maximum of 30 days in a year and have received a temporary behavior analyst license; 11) an individual employed by a local school board of education who performs the duties of their positions; or 12) a licensed physician who is practicing medicine.

Temporary licenses can be issued to those individuals who reside in and practice in another state and who do not practice in Georgia for more than 30 days. Licenses can also be issued through reciprocity with other states, and licenses issued by the board are granted for two years. Further, the board is required to post a link on its website of the certifying entity or entities. The bill is effective on July 1, 2023.

HB 424 Income tax; change certain definitions

By: Rep. Bruce Williamson (115th) Through the Ways & Means Committee

Final Bill Summary: HB 424 establishes a tax credit for contributions to "foster care support organizations," which are defined as being the aging-out programs of the Technical College System of Georgia Foundation, a Governor's Office of Planning and Budget certified aging-out program of the University System of Georgia Foundation, or any 501(c)(3) corporation that has the primary function of operating an aging-out program, operating as or supporting a Georgia-licensed child-placing agency, or disbursing funds directly to one or more of the prior listed entities. Taxpayers are allowed a 100% income tax credit for qualified donations to foster care support organizations provided that for the first six months of each year, a single individual or head of household shall not be allowed a credit of more than \$2,500; a married couple, individual who is a member of a limited-liability company, a shareholder of a Subchapter 'S' corporation, or a partner in a partnership shall not be allowed a credit of more than \$5,000; and a corporation shall not be allowed a credit of more than 10% of the corporation's income tax liability. This tax credit has an annual aggregate cap of \$20 million.

HB 464 Guardian and ward; petition for appointment of temporary guardian of minor filed in probate court may be transferred to juvenile court; provide

By: Rep. Mitchell Scoggins (14th) Through the Juvenile Justice Committee

Final Bill Summary: This bill clarifies that a probate court can transfer proceedings involving the appointment of a temporary guardian for a minor to a juvenile court. In addition, the bill clarifies that the parties' conduct can be considered in certain proceedings and expands the definition of "abuse, neglect, or exploitation" to include various crimes committed against a minor, proposed ward, or ward, including trafficking of persons for labor or sexual servitude; abuse, child abuse, and coercion; serious violent felonies; and sexual exploitation.

HB 469 Income tax; rehabilitation of historic structures; revise tax credits

By: Rep. Ron Stephens (164th) Through the Ways & Means Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 469 amends 48-7-29.8, relating to tax credits for the rehabilitation of historic structures, by capping the credit at \$5 million per year and extending the sunset to December 31, 2024 for historic homes, and capping the credits at \$30 million per year and extending the sunset to December 31, 2027 for certified structures other than historic homes.

HB 476 Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Act of 2021; enact

By: Rep. Dale Washburn (141st) Through the Regulated Industries Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 476 is known as the 'Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Act of 2021'. The bill renames the State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors to the Georgia Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Board and requires that the governor's appointees to the board to be confirmed by the Senate. Effective July 1, 2021, the board is an attached agency of the Georgia Secretary of State for administrative purposes only, although it will not be under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of State nor its licensing division. This bill also creates a new position of executive director that heads the agency with accompanying powers. Continuing education requirements for professional engineers and professional structural engineers are changed from 30 hours biennially to 30 hours annually, and requirements are changed for professional land surveyors from 15 hours biennially to 7.5 hours annually. Licenses will be renewed annually rather than biennially.

HB 478 Evidence; expert testimony in criminal cases; change rules

By: Rep. Bonnie Rich (97th) Through the Judiciary Non-Civil Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 478 changes the evidentiary standard for testimony of expert witnesses in criminal cases to match the standard used in civil cases.

HB 508 Commerce and trade; commercial recordings, musical performances, and audiovisual works; provide protections

By: Rep. Kasey Carpenter (4th) Through the Creative Arts & Entertainment Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 508 makes it unlawful for a person to advertise or conduct a performance or production in Georgia by using any false, deceptive, or misleading affiliation, connection, or association without authorization. Each advertisement, performance, or production in violation of this Code section constitutes a separate infraction.

Section 2 of the bill creates the Georgia 'True Origin of Digital Goods Act,' which requires a person who owns or operates a website or online service that distributes commercial recordings or audiovisuals to consumers to clearly disclose its physical address, telephone number, and email address on such website or online service. This legislation is supplemental to those provisions of state and federal criminal and civil law that impose prohibition or provide penalties, sanctions, or remedies against the same conduct. A violation of these provisions is considered an unfair or deceptive act or practice of the 'Fair Business Practices Act of 1975.'

HB 517 Education; calculation of minimum revenue obligations for scholarships and tuition grants; provide for the inclusion of earned interest

By: Rep. John Carson (46th)

Through the Education Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 517 amends O.C.G.A. 20-2A-2 relating to student scholarship organizations by clarifying that interest earned on deposits and investments from donations for scholarships or tuition grants are reinvested into the fund. This Code section is further amended by requiring student scholarship organizations to: perform an audit within 120 days of completing the student scholarship organization's fiscal year to be provided to the Department of Revenue within 60 days of the audit's completion; immediately notify the Department of Education if the Department of Revenue has ceased preapproving contributions; annually submit a copy of the most recent Form 990 to the Department of Revenue; and be solely responsible for verifying student eligibility.

O.C.G.A. 48-7-29.16 is amended to increase the tax credit to \$2,500 for a single individual or head of household, \$5,000 for a married couple filing a joint return, and \$25,000 or the amount expended for a business, whichever is less. Beginning in 2023, the tax credit is increased to \$120 million and the sunset provision is removed.

HB 586 Georgia Economic Recovery Act of 2021; enact

By: Rep. Sam Watson (172nd)

Through the Ways & Means Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 586 amends O.C.G.A. 48-8-3, relating to exemptions from sales and use taxes, to extend through December 31, 2027 the state and local sales tax exemption for the sale of tickets, fees, or charges for admission to a fine arts performance or exhibition conducted by a 501(c)(3) organization or a museum of cultural significance, provided that the organization's or museum's primary mission is to advance the arts in Georgia.

House Bill 586 also amends O.C.G.A. 48-7-29.12, relating to the tax credit for the qualified donation of real property, to extend the sunset from December 31, 2021 to December 31, 2026 and establish an annual cap of \$4 million.

HB 604 Bartow County; school district ad valorem tax; provide homestead exemption

By: Rep. Mitchell Scoggins (14th)

Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 604 provides a \$60,000 homestead exemption from the assessed value of a home for residents of the Bartow County School District who are 65 years or older; an \$80,000 exemption from the assessed value of the home for residents who are 75 years or older; and a full exemption for residents who are 80 years or older.

HB 614 Griffin Judicial Circuit; assignment of cases; revise method

By: Rep. Karen Mathiak (73rd)

Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 614 revises provisions governing the Griffin Judicial Circuit. The bill revises the method for assigning cases, for selecting qualified persons for judge of the juvenile courts, for selecting the chief judge, and for filling vacancies in the office of chief magistrate of Fayette County.

HB 620 Guardian and ward; payment of certain settlements involving claims of minors; clarify and revise procedures and requirements

By: Rep. Rob Leverett (33rd)

Through the Judiciary Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 620 amends and updates provisions of the Code relating to the settlement of claims of minors. The maximum amount of the value of a minor's personal property, or the value of a minor's anticipated settlement, that may be received or accepted by the minor's guardian without becoming a conservator or court approval is raised from \$15,000 to \$25,000.

For proposed settlements of a minor's legal claim, the bill revises the definition of "gross settlement" and creates a new definition of "net settlement" to differentiate and clarify when a conservator must be appointed to submit a proposed settlement and which court must approve a proposed settlement.

When a minor has no assets, other than an interest in a legal claim, the requirement for a conservator to obtain a bond to settle the claim is delayed until the value of such interest is determined.

With respect to wrongful death, if there is no surviving spouse and a wrongful death action is brought by a minor, the natural guardian shall qualify as a conservator and obtain court approval of a settlement.

HB 624 South Georgia Judicial Circuit; additional judge of the superior court; provide

By: Rep. Darlene Taylor (173rd) Through the Judiciary Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 624 increases the number of judges for superior courts in the South Georgia Judicial Circuit from two to three. The additional judge is appointed by the governor for a term beginning July 1, 2022, until December 31, 2024. A successor shall be elected at the non-partisan judicial election held in 2024; and the elected successor will take office January 1, 2025.

HB 733 Insurance; guaranteed asset protection waiver; revise definition

By: Rep. Tyler Smith (18th) Through the Insurance Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 733 allows guaranteed asset protection waivers to provide a benefit that waives an amount or provides a borrower with a credit towards the purchase of a replacement vehicle with or without a separate charge.

The bill also requires health plans to provide coverage for breast cancer diagnostic examinations at the same cost-sharing standards as mammography screenings.

HB 752 Psychiatric Advance Directive Act; enact

By: Rep. Sharon Cooper (43rd) Through the Health & Human Services Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 752 provides a psychiatric advance directive for competent adults to set their mental health preferences. The bill allows patients to establish their wishes related to treatment and medications, and to establish an agent to make decisions on their behalf if they are unable to do so. The directive is effective upon signature of the patient as witnessed by two competent adults and can be revoked under certain circumstances. The provider or facility shall comply with the directive to the fullest extent possible, and providers acting in line with the directive are protected from certain liabilities. The bill contains the Georgia Psychiatric Advance Directive form that is to be completed by patients in accordance with the law. Health care facilities are authorized to prepare or offer a directive if requested by the patient or if the offer is not coercive.

HB 771 Austell, City of; annexation of certain territory into the boundaries; provide

By: Rep. Erica Thomas (39th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 771 provides for the annexation of certain territory into the boundaries of the city of Austell.

HB 775 Taylor County; board of education; modify compensation of members

By: Rep. Patty Bentley (139th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

Final Bill Summary: HB 775 modifies the compensation of the members of the Taylor Co. Board of Education. Members of the board receive a \$200 per diem for each day of attendance at meetings of the board and while meeting and traveling within or outside the state as a member of the board on official business.

HB 796 Clarke County; Classic Center Authority; change certain provisions relative to the purpose and powers

By: Rep. Houston Gaines (117th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 796 changes provisions relative to the purpose and powers of the Classic Center Authority in Clarke County. The purpose of the authority is to develop and promote public projects for cultural growth, public welfare, education, and recreation in the county and the state.

- HB 797** **Clarke County; ad valorem tax; increase existing general and senior homestead exemptions**
By: Rep. Houston Gaines (117th) *Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 797 increases existing general and senior homestead exemptions and creates a low-income base-year value homestead exemption from ad valorem taxes levied by the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County for unified government purposes.
- HB 824** **Georgia Legislative Retirement System; retirement allowance; increase**
By: Rep. Wesley Cantrell (22nd) *Through the Retirement Committee*
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 824 increases the member contribution rate for the Legislative Retirement System (LRS) from 8.5% of the member's monthly salary to \$165 each month, and the "presiding member" of the House will now contribute \$660 each month. The bill also changes the monthly benefit to \$50 for each year of creditable service for any individual that was a contributing member on January 1, 2022, and an additional \$200 for each year of a member's presiding creditable service. This bill is certified by the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts as a fiscal retirement bill. The actuarial investigation has determined there is no cost to enact this legislation.
- HB 826** **Lost Mountain, City of; incorporate**
By: Rep. Ginny Ehrhart (36th) *Through the Governmental Affairs Committee*
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 826 authorizes a local referendum for the creation of the city of Lost Mountain. The referendum will be voted on by call of the Cobb County election superintendent in a special election on the date of the 2022 General Primary.
- The government for the city will be composed of a city council consisting of a mayor and six council members, each serving four-year terms. The city council members are elected through a non-partisan municipal general election held biennially in odd years. The city mayor is elected at large by the voters of the city.
- The city council is authorized to appoint a city manager to act as the chief administrative officer of the city. The charter creates the municipal court of the city of Lost Mountain to be presided over by a chief judge.
- HB 839** **Mableton, City of; incorporate**
By: Rep. Erica Thomas (39th) *Through the Governmental Affairs Committee*
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 839 authorizes a local referendum for the creation of the city of Mableton. The referendum will be voted on by call of the Cobb County election superintendent in a special election no later than November 2022.
- The government for the city is composed of a city council consisting of a mayor and six council members each serving four-year terms. The city council members are elected through a non-partisan municipal general election held biennially in odd years.
- The city council is authorized to appoint a city manager to act as the chief executive and administrative officer of the city. The charter creates the Municipal Court of the City of Mableton to be presided over by a chief judge. The charter provides enabling legislation for the creation of one or more community improvement districts within the city.
- HB 840** **Vinings, City of; incorporate**
By: Rep. John Carson (46th) *Through the Governmental Affairs Committee*
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 840 authorizes a local referendum for the creation of the city of Vinings. The referendum will be voted on by call of the Cobb County election superintendent in a special election in November 2022.
- The government for the city is composed of a city council consisting of a mayor and four council members each serving four-year terms. The city council members are elected through a non-partisan municipal general election held biennially in odd years.
- The city council is authorized to appoint a city manager to act as the chief administrative officer of the city. The charter creates a municipal court for the city to be presided over by a chief judge.

HB 841 East Cobb, City of; incorporate*By: Rep. Matt Dollar (45th)**Through the Governmental Affairs Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 841 authorizes a local referendum for the creation of the city of East Cobb. The referendum, by call of the Cobb County election superintendent, will be on the ballot in a special election on the date of the 2022 General Primary.

The government for the city is composed of a city council consisting of a mayor and six council members each serving four-year terms. The mayor and city council members are elected through non-partisan municipal general elections held biennially in odd years.

The city council is authorized to appoint a city manager to act as the chief administrative officer of the city. The charter creates a municipal court to be presided over by a chief judge.

HB 870 Bulloch County; Board of Commissioners; revise districts*By: Rep. Jan Tankersley (160th)**Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 870 revises the districts for the election of members of the Bulloch County Board of Commissioners.

HB 871 Bulloch County; Board of Education; provide new district boundaries*By: Rep. Jan Tankersley (160th)**Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 871 provides new district boundaries for the Bulloch County Board of Education.

HB 872 Gwinnett County; Board of Education; revise district boundaries*By: Rep. Samuel Park (101st)**Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 872 revises the education district boundaries of the Gwinnett County Board of Education.

HB 873 Gwinnett County; Board of Commissioners; revise district boundaries*By: Rep. Bonnie Rich (97th)**Through the Governmental Affairs Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 873 revises the commissioner district boundaries of the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners.

HB 874 Heard County; Board of Education; change description of districts*By: Rep. Randy Nix (69th)**Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 874 changes the description of the education districts of the Heard County Board of Education.

HB 876 Barrow County; Board of Education; change composition of districts*By: Rep. Terry England (116th)**Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 876 changes the composition of the election districts for members of the Barrow County Board of Education.

HB 877 Barrow County; Board of Commissioners; change composition of districts*By: Rep. Terry England (116th)**Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 877 changes the composition of the election districts for members of the Barrow County Board of Commissioners.

- HB 878 Clayton County; State Court; provide salary of solicitor-general**
By: Rep. Rhonda Burnough (77th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 878 provides for the salary of the solicitor-general of the Clayton County State Court and places a cap on the total salary to not exceed \$161,358.25 or 95% of the total compensation of the chief judge of the state court, whichever is greater.
- HB 879 Clayton County; civil service system; exclude additional employee positions**
By: Rep. Rhonda Burnough (77th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 879 excludes additional employee positions from the civil service system of Clayton County.
- HB 880 Troup County; Board of Education; provide new district boundaries**
By: Rep. Randy Nix (69th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 880 provides new district boundaries for the Troup County Board of Education.
- HB 881 Walton County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Bruce Williamson (115th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 881 changes the description of the Walton County Board of Commissioners' districts.
- HB 882 Walton County; Board of Education; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Bruce Williamson (115th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 882 changes the description of the Walton County Board of Education's districts.
- HB 883 Rossville, City of; levy an excise tax**
By: Rep. Mike Cameron (1st) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 883 authorizes the city of Rossville to levy an excise tax.
- HB 884 Professions and businesses; expedited licenses for military spouses; provisions**
By: Rep. D. C. Belton (112th) Through the Regulated Industries Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 884 requires professional licensing boards under the purview of the Secretary of State to provide expedited licenses by endorsement within 90 days from the application date, and receipt of all the required materials, to spouses of military service members within Georgia.
- HB 889 Hall County; Board of Education; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Lee Hawkins (27th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 889 changes the description of the Hall County Board of Education districts.
- HB 890 Athens-Clarke County; commission members; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Houston Gaines (117th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 890 changes the composition and description of the districts for the members of the Athens-Clarke County Commission.
- HB 891 Banking and finance; financial institutions; provide for numerous updates**
By: Rep. Bruce Williamson (115th) Through the Banks & Banking Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 891 is the annual revision of Title 7 of the Code, relating to banking and finance, by the Georgia Department of Banking and Finance. Superfluous/redundant language is clarified and

removed, terminology is updated, and outdated/unnecessary language is removed.

The bill eliminates the reporting requirement of permissible borrowings by department employees. It also increases the credit card limit of employees from \$10,000 to \$25,000, so long as the employee does not have direct examination authority over the entity and continues to report credit card debt.

The bill alters control language in the Code so if no person or entity controls 25% or more of a bank or holding company, the largest shareholder over 10% will be subject to change in control processes. The bill also eliminates consideration of convenience and needs in the event of a change of control or acquisition. It clarifies that change in control provisions also apply to financial institutions other than banks. Additionally, it allows an LLC, in addition to a corporation, to merge into a bank or trust company.

HB 891 revises representative office processes by providing that home state laws of a national/out-of-state bank apply to the location unless in conflict with state law. It adopts the federal law limitation prohibiting a loan production office from closing loans at the location. The language indicating an agent of a bank or holding company can open a representative office is struck. Notice is required prior to closing a representative office.

The bill requires the president of a new credit union to be named at the organizational meeting while eliminating the annual appointment requirement of a president by the board of directors. It removes the requirement for a credit union offering third-party payment services to get approval from the department. Credit union members are prohibited from voting by proxy, and credit union boards are permitted to meet less frequently than once during 10 months of the calendar year with the department's approval. Smaller asset credit unions (assets of \$15 million or less) are permitted to not secure a small signature loan if a car loan already exists, so long as the total combined liability is \$50,000 or less.

The bill modifies law related to bank investors so that a passive investor, an investor who does not exercise control and has less than a 25% ownership interest, does not have to be vetted and approved by the department. The department may disapprove of an executive officer that did not have to be vetted by the department through the control process.

HB 891 authorizes an installment lending licensee to make a loan of up to \$3,000. The bill additionally repeals the current provision requiring a 3% tax on interest provision collected by installment lenders and replaces it with a percentage fee based on the gross loan amount at the time of funding.

HB 893 Conservation and natural resources; extend date for hazardous waste fees

By: Rep. Randy Nix (69th)

Through the Natural Resources & Environment Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 893 extends the sunset date for hazardous waste management and hazardous substance reporting fees to July 1, 2027.

HB 897 Bryan County; Board of Education; provide compensation of members

By: Rep. Ron Stephens (164th)

Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 897 provides for the compensation of the Bryan County Board of Education. Each member of the board, except the chairperson, shall receive \$750 per month. The chairperson shall receive \$875 per month.

HB 907 Elections; dates for special elections; question related to sales and use taxes for transportation; revise provisions

By: Rep. Tyler Smith (18th)

Through the Governmental Affairs Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 907 specifies the date for a special election to present a question to voters on sales and use taxes, under certain circumstances.

HB 909 Troup County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts

By: Rep. Randy Nix (69th)

Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 909 changes the description of the Troup County Board of Commissioners districts.

HB 910 Supplemental appropriations; State Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022*By: Rep. David Ralston (7th)**Through the Appropriations Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 910, the Amended FY 2022 budget, is based on a revised revenue estimate of \$30.3 billion, an increase of 11.3% over the current budget. The bill and tracking sheet may be found on the House Budget and Research Office [website](#).

HB 911 General appropriations; State Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023*By: Rep. David Ralston (7th)**Through the Appropriations Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 911, the FY 2023 budget, is based on a revenue estimate of \$30.2 billion, an increase of 10.8% over original FY 2022 budget. The bill and tracking sheet may be found on the House Budget and Research Office [website](#).

HB 916 Superior and State Court Appellate Practice Act; enact*By: Rep. Rob Leverett (33rd)**Through the Judiciary Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 916, the 'Superior and State Court Appellate Practice Act', rewrites the procedure to appeal from a lower judicatory (any government body exercising judicial or quasi-judicial authority) to superior or state court. Finding that many appeals are dismissed on complex procedural grounds and not on the merits, the bill replaces the current certiorari review process and notice of appeal statutes with a single "petition for review" procedure. Courts are required to render decisions on the merits instead of dismissing on procedural grounds unless the dismissal is expressly required by statute. The bill establishes the appellate jurisdiction of superior and state courts over a final judgment of a lower judicatory, while preempting any local law or ordinance in conflict with the Act.

The bill establishes the general procedures for the petition for review, to include: a filing requirement within 30 days after the date of the final judgment; the format for filing the petition; the amendment/extension procedures; and policies related to service of process and venue. The bill creates limited grounds for dismissal and enacts policies related to filing costs and recording of proceedings. The bill provides procedures for requiring a bond and outlines damage costs for frivolous appeals.

The bill includes conforming amendments throughout the Code, both by replacing terms and making technical changes to adopt the Code to the petition for review appellate procedure. The effective date is July 1, 2023.

HB 918 Georgia Rare Disease Advisory Council; provide establishment*By: Rep. Mike Cheokas (138th)**Through the Health & Human Services Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 918 creates the Georgia Rare Disease Advisory Council under the Department of Public Health to advise the General Assembly and agencies on the needs of those with rare diseases in Georgia. The council will meet no less than quarterly and have opportunities for public comment. The council will also convene public hearings, consult with experts, evaluate recommendations, publish resources, and identify best practices.

Council members are appointed by the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the House. Members include: a non-state employee chair; a representative from an academic research institution in the state that receives grant funding for rare disease research; a representative from the Division of Medical Assistance Plans of the Department of Community Health; a representative of the Division of Family and Children Services; a geneticist; a registered nurse or advanced practice registered nurse with experience treating rare diseases; a physician with experience treating rare diseases; a pediatric specialist trained in treating children with rare diseases; two patients with a rare disease; a caregiver of a person with a rare disease; a representative of a rare disease patient organization; a representative of the biopharma industry; a representative from a state health plan company; and a social worker with experience with rare disease patients. Members are not compensated, but are allowed reimbursement in the performance of their duties.

An annual report detailing activities of the council, funding status update, and recommendations will be provided to the governor and General Assembly and be made available for public comment. The first report is due no later than June 30, 2023.

- HB 921 Douglas County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Kimberly Alexander (66th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 921 changes the description of the Douglas County Board of Commissioners districts.
- HB 922 Douglas County; Board of Education; provide new district boundaries**
By: Rep. Kimberly Alexander (66th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 922 provides for new district boundaries for the Douglas County Board of Education.
- HB 923 Local government; development authorities; cap the per diem allowance available to directors**
By: Rep. Mary Margaret Oliver (82nd) Through the Governmental Affairs Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 923 sets a specified limit on the per diem allowance paid to development authority directors. In addition to the governor, the bill authorizes the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission and local ethics boards or offices to have concurrent jurisdiction over ethics violations of development authority members. The bill establishes and clarifies the procedures for ethics violation hearings of development authority members.
- HB 934 Sales and use tax; special district mass transportation; local government; provisions**
By: Rep. Rob Leverett (33rd) Through the Ways & Means Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 934 amends 48-8-262, relating to Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (T-SPLOST), by allowing the tax to continue until the approved timeframe has expired regardless if the amount of tax collected has surpassed the originally estimated amount when an intergovernmental agreement exists. The bill also restricts when a referendum on a T-SPLOST may be held to the Tuesday after the first Monday in November, or in even-numbered years, the date of the presidential preference primary if one is held that year or the date of the general primary.
- HB 935 Catoosa County; office of commissioner; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Dewayne Hill (3rd) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 935 changes the description of the Catoosa County Commission's districts.
- HB 936 Catoosa County; Board of Education; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Dewayne Hill (3rd) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 936 changes the description of the Catoosa County Board of Education's districts.
- HB 937 Medicaid; coverage for annual mammograms at no cost to recipient; provide**
By: Rep. Sharon Henderson (113th) Through the Health & Human Services Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 937 requires the Department of Community Health to provide Medicaid coverage for mammograms at no cost to the patient as long as the screening is recommended based on the patient's health status.
- HB 942 Dawson County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Will Wade (9th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 942 changes the description of the Dawson County Board of Commissioners' districts.
- HB 943 Dawson County; Board of Education; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Will Wade (9th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: HB 943 changes the description of the Dawson County Board of Education's districts.

- HB 944 Jasper County; Board of Commissioners; revise districts of members**
By: Rep. Susan Holmes (129th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 944 revises the districts for the election of the Jasper County Board of Commissioners.
- HB 945 Butts County; Board of Commissioners; revise districts of members**
By: Rep. Susan Holmes (129th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 945 revises the districts for the election of members of the Butts County Board of Commissioners.
- HB 946 Butts County; Board of Education; revise districts of members**
By: Rep. Susan Holmes (129th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 946 revises the districts for the election of members of the Butts County Board of Education.
- HB 947 Jasper County; Board of Education; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Susan Holmes (129th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: HB 947 changes the description of the Jasper County Board of Education's districts.
- HB 948 Wilkes County; Board of Education; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Trey Rhodes (120th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: HB 948 changes the description of the Wilkes County Board of Education's districts.
- HB 949 Oglethorpe County; Board of Commissioners; revise districts of members**
By: Rep. Trey Rhodes (120th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 949 revises the districts for the election of members of the Oglethorpe County Board of Commissioners.
- HB 950 Oglethorpe County; Board of Education; provide new district boundaries**
By: Rep. Trey Rhodes (120th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 950 provides for new district boundaries for the Oglethorpe County Board of Education.
- HB 951 Elbert County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Rob Leverett (33rd) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 951 changes the description of the Elbert County Board of Commissioners' districts.
- HB 952 Elbert County; Board of Education; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Rob Leverett (33rd) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 952 changes the description of the Elbert County Board of Education's districts.
- HB 953 Lincoln County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Rob Leverett (33rd) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 953 changes the description of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners' districts.

- HB 954 Lincoln County; Board of Education; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Rob Leverett (33rd) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: HB 954 changes the description of the Lincoln County Board of Education's districts.
- HB 955 Crisp County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Noel Williams (148th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 955 changes the descriptions of the Crisp County Board of Commissioners' districts.
- HB 956 Crisp County; Board of Education; reconstitute**
By: Rep. Noel Williams (148th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 956 reconstitutes the Crisp County Board of Education.
- HB 957 Candler County; Board of Education; revise districts of members**
By: Rep. Butch Parrish (158th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 957 revises the districts for the election of members of the Candler County Board of Education.
- HB 958 Candler County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Butch Parrish (158th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 958 changes the description of the Candler County Board of Commissioners' districts.
- HB 959 Harris County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Vance Smith (133rd) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 959 changes the description of the Harris County Board of Commissioners' districts.
- HB 961 Torts; authorize apportionment of damages in single-defendant lawsuits; provide for evidence of fault of nonparties**
By: Rep. Chuck Efstrotation (104th) Through the Judiciary Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 961 amends Code Section 51-12-33 to authorize apportionment of damages in single-defendant lawsuits rather than solely in multi-defendant lawsuits. In lawsuits against one or more defendants, following a reduction of damages attributed to the plaintiff's percentage of fault, the damages shall be apportioned to the liable person or persons according to each person's percentage of fault.
- HB 963 Controlled substances; Schedule I and IV; change certain provisions**
By: Rep. Butch Parrish (158th) Through the Health & Human Services Committee
Final Bill Summary: House 963 updates provisions of the 'Controlled Substance Act' relating to Schedule I and Schedule IV controlled substances.
- HB 969 Insurance; update regulation of company holding systems**
By: Rep. Tyler Smith (18th) Through the Insurance Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 969 updates reporting requirements for insurance holding companies to include information on their financial profile and group capital calculation.
- HB 972 Professional counselors; licensing requirements; change certain definitions**
By: Rep. D. C. Belton (112th) Through the Regulated Industries Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 972 updates the 'Professional Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage and Family Therapists Licensing Law.' The bill exempts participants in an internship, a practicum under

supervision, or under the direction of a person certified as a rehabilitation counselor, to from licensure requirements for practicing professional counseling, social work, or marriage and family therapy.

The bill also removes the authorization for those exempt under O.C.G.A. 43-10A-7 to serve as supervisors without being licensed. The applicant's requirement to have at least two personal references from supervisors or teachers is replaced with a completion requirement of a graduate level course or equivalent.

To obtain an associate professional counselor license, a candidate must have a master's degree in clinical counseling or counseling psychology and be registered with the board for obtaining the post-degree experience required for licensure as a professional counselor. In order to obtain a professional counselor license, a candidate must have a master's degree in clinical counseling or counseling psychology and two years of post-degree experience under direction and supervision in an acceptable work setting.

The bill raises the minimum fine for individuals who violate O.C.G.A. 43-10A-19 or O.C.G.A. 43-10A-7 to \$500 for each offense, and expands the potential punishment for business entities who violate O.C.G.A. 43-10A-21 to include imprisonment for up to 12 months.

HB 974 Property; deeds; require electronic filing

By: Rep. Joseph Gullett (19th) Through the Judiciary Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 974 requires clerks of superior courts to offer electronic filing for recorded instruments such as deeds, mortgages, liens, maps/plats, and state tax executions. The clerk shall make available a public computer terminal for electronic filing access. In addition, a deed to secure debt must include the following items on the first page: date, names of signatories, mailing address, map/parcel identification information, original loan amount/outstanding principal amount, initial debt maturity date, and amount of intangible recording tax or citation for a tax exemption.

HB 980 Early County; Board of Education; change description of districts

By: Rep. Gerald Greene (151st) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 980 changes the descriptions of the Early County Board of Education's districts.

HB 981 Cornelia, City of; Redevelopment Powers Law; provide for a referendum

By: Rep. Victor Anderson (10th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 981 authorizes the city of Cornelia to exercise all redevelopment powers found in Code and the Georgia Constitution.

HB 982 Calhoun County; Board of Education; provide new district boundaries

By: Rep. Gerald Greene (151st) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 982 provides new education district boundaries for the Calhoun County Board of Education.

HB 983 Mitchell County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts

By: Rep. Joe Campbell (171st) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 983 changes the description of the Mitchell County Board of Commissioners' districts.

HB 985 Liberty County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts

By: Rep. Al Williams (168th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 985 changes the description of the Liberty County Board of Commissioners' districts.

- HB 986 Carroll County; Board of Education; change description of districts**
By: Rep. J. Collins (68th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 986 changes the description of the education districts for the Carroll County School District.
- HB 987 Meriwether County; Board of Education; revise per diem allowance of members**
By: Rep. Debbie Buckner (137th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 987 revises the per diem allowance of the Meriwether County Board of Education members. Members of the board shall, when approved by the board, receive a per diem of \$300 for each day of attendance at meetings of the board and while meeting and traveling within or outside the state as a member of a committee of the board on official business.
- HB 988 Paulding County; ad valorem tax; provide homestead exemption**
By: Rep. Joseph Gullett (19th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 988 provides a \$4,000 homestead exemption for the assessed value of a homestead for residents in Paulding County for Tax Year 2023 and an \$8,000 homestead exemption for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2024.
- HB 989 Haralson County; Board of Education; provide for compensation**
By: Rep. Tyler Smith (18th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 989 provides for the compensation of the Haralson County Board of Education. The chairperson and each member of the board of education shall receive \$250 per month.
- HB 990 Baldwin County; Board of Commissioners; reconstitute and change description of districts**
By: Rep. Ricky Williams (145th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 990 reconstitutes the Baldwin County Board of Commissioners.
- HB 991 Fulton County; Board of Education; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Roger Bruce (61st) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 991 changes the description of the Fulton County Board of Education's districts.
- HB 997 Ad valorem tax; timber equipment and timber products held by timber producers; provide exemption**
By: Rep. Sam Watson (172nd) Through the Ways & Means Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 997 adds 48-5-41.3, which exempts timber equipment from ad valorem taxation. Timber equipment includes all equipment owned or held under a lease-purchase agreement by a timber producer and is directly used in the production or harvest of timber products, excluding motor vehicles. "Timber producers" are defined as any one or more individuals or entities registered to do business in the state that are primarily involved in the subsistence or commercial production or harvest of timber products. The bill provides language for a referendum to be included on the November 2022 ballot and shall only become effective with the approval of more than one-half of the votes cast on the question.
- HB 1006 Crawford County; Board of Education; reconstitute and change description of districts**
By: Rep. Robert Dickey (140th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1006 reconstitutes the Crawford County Board of Education.
- HB 1007 Crawford County; Board of Commissioners; revise member districts**
By: Rep. Robert Dickey (140th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1007 revises the districts for the election of members of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners.

HB 1009 Motor vehicles; use of personal delivery devices to transport cargo; authorize**By: Rep. Todd Jones (25th)*****Through the Motor Vehicles Committee***

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1009 provides definitions and operation guidelines for personal delivery devices. Local authorities are authorized to enact ordinances related to the operation and regulation of personal delivery devices within the local authority's jurisdiction, subject to specified limitations. Personal delivery devices are prohibited from operating within a surface transportation project.

HB 1011 Motor vehicles; amber strobe lights; permitting requirements; exempt low speed vehicles**By: Rep. Don Hogan (179th)*****Through the Motor Vehicles Committee***

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1011 removes the permit requirement for low-speed vehicles to use an amber strobe light. The bill clarifies that permits for emergency vehicles to operate flashing or revolving emergency lights are valid for five years from the date of issuance.

HB 1012 Tattnall County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts**By: Rep. William Werkheiser (157th)*****Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee***

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1012 changes the description of the Tattnall County Board of Commissioners' districts.

HB 1013 Mental Health Parity Act; enact**By: Rep. David Ralston (7th)*****Through the Health & Human Services Committee***

Final Bill Summary: Part I: 'Georgia Mental Health Parity Act'

House Bill 1013 requires that health care insurance plans that provide coverage for mental health treatment or substance use disorders do so in accordance with the federal 'Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008.' Health insurers must also provide an annual comparative analysis report to the insurance commissioner, which will be available on the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance and Safety Fire's (OCI) website. Failure to submit timely reports can result in fines ranging from \$2,000 to \$5,000. The commissioner is to ensure compliance with mental health parity requirements among health insurers and establish a process for addressing complaints about mental health parity violations. Insurers that do not comply with mental health parity may face punitive action including monetary penalties, compliance plans, or reprocessing of claims. The commissioner appoints a mental health parity officer.

The bill revises the definition of "department" to reference OCI rather than the Department of Community Health (DCH) in the existing Act. Further, this bill creates a new definition for "generally accepted standards of mental health or substance use disorder care" and defines it as independent standards of care and clinical practice recognized by certain specialty health care providers, including psychiatry, psychology, clinical sociology, addiction medicine and counseling, and behavioral health treatment. Additionally, the definition specifies valid, evidence-based sources of accepted standards of mental health or substance use disorder care. The definitions of "medical necessity," "medically-necessary care," or "medically necessary and appropriate" are also revised to include behavioral health services that screen, prevent, diagnose, manage, or treat an illness.

HB 1013 requires that state health insurers providing coverage for mental health and substance use disorders do so to the same degree as the treatment for a physical illness and coverage extends to a spouse and dependent(s) covered under a plan. Health insurers must provide annual comparative analysis reports to the DCH commissioner, which will be available on the department's website. The DCH commissioner is to perform parity-compliance reviews of state health insurers on an annual basis as well as establish a process for addressing complaints about mental health parity violations.

The DCH and OCI commissioners are required to make reasonable efforts to provide culturally and linguistically sensitive materials to consumers through the complaint process. Health insurers are not allowed to prohibit same-day reimbursement for someone who sees separate mental health and primary care providers in the same day.

Care management organizations (CMOs) are required to maintain a minimum 85% medical loss ratio (MLR) or a higher minimum established in a contract between DCH and a CMO. If the minimum ratio is not met, the CMO must provide a remittance of the amount determined by DCH. The department will post on its website the aggregate MLR for all CMOs, the MLR for each CMO, and required remittances.

Part II: Workforce and System Development

The bill authorizes service cancelable educational loans for Georgia residents enrolled in educational training

for primary care medicine, psychiatry, mental health, substance use, clinical nurse specialist in mental health, or other licensed clinicians or specialists. Loans are conditional on the student agreeing to practice as a professional within an approved geographical area of the state.

The Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce is required to create a Behavioral Health Care Workforce Data Base to collect and analyze surveys for behavioral health care professional applicants and licensees. Licensing boards will require these surveys to be completed by professionals upon licensure, and the surveys must include the professional's demographics, practice status, education and training, specialties, average hours worked per week, percent of practice engaged in direct care, retirement plan if retiring in the next five years, child and adolescent specialized training, information on accepting new patients, and types of accepted insurance, including Medicaid and Medicare.

Part III: Assisted Outpatient Treatment

HB 1013 creates a three-year assisted outpatient treatment grant program to establish the efficacy of the assisted outpatient treatment model in Georgia.

The bill defines "assisted outpatient treatment" as involuntary outpatient care provided by a community service board or a private provider in collaboration with other community partners in order to: identify current residents who qualify as outpatients; establish procedures that lead to a petition being filed in the appropriate probate court when an individual is believed to be an outpatient; provide evidence-based treatment and case management under an individualized plan; safeguard the due process rights of those alleged to require and those civilly committed to involuntary outpatient care; establish communication between the court and providers; continually evaluate each care plan and respond to non-compliance; partner with law enforcement agencies to provide an alternative to the arrest, incarceration, and prosecution of individuals who may qualify as outpatients; and maintain a patient's connection to treatment services upon transition to voluntary outpatient care.

The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) will establish a grant program for the implementation of assisted outpatient treatment and provide three years of funding, technical support, and oversight to five grantees. The grantees must be a collaboration between community service boards or private providers, probate courts or other courts with jurisdiction, and sheriffs' offices. The bill outlines the process for the application and award of the grants.

HB 1013 requires the DBHDD to contract with a third-party organization or consultant prior to awarding the grants in order to evaluate the program and its effectiveness. The grantees must provide the required information to the third-party organization or consultant, and the department must contractually require the third-party organization or consultant to produce a report and send it to the governor and the chairpersons of the respective House and Senate Health and Human Services committees by December 31, 2025.

Current statute states that when a law enforcement officer has probable cause to believe that an individual is mentally ill and requiring involuntary treatment, the officer is able to take that person to a physician or emergency receiving facility for an examination. HB 1013 states that the officer can transport a patient to a receiving facility if they have probable cause to believe the individual is mentally ill requiring involuntary treatment and have consulted with a physician who authorizes transportation for the purpose of evaluation. The officer is required to write a detailed report about the circumstances of the person's detainment, which will become a part of the patient's clinical record. These provisions also apply to those hospitalized for and arrested for penal offenses due to substance abuse disorder.

The governing county authority where the patient is found is required to arrange initial emergency transportation, and the transportation provider is prohibited from releasing the patient to any place other than the receiving facility. At the community mental health center's request, the court is required to order the sheriff to carry out subsequent transportation appropriate to the patient's condition. The patient can also be transported by family and friends to the health center's satisfaction. No female patient is allowed to be transported without another female present unless there is an emergency or a male family member accompanies her.

Part IV: Mental Health Courts and Corrections

Subject to appropriations, the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) will create a grant program to fund accountability courts serving the mental health and co-occurring substance use disorder population to implement trauma-informed treatment and designate an employee to issue technical assistance to the courts. The council will also create a grant program to fund emergency transportation cost for local governments depending on funds.

HB 1013 adds to the list of authorized expenditures of the County Drug Abuse Treatment and Education Fund to include drug abuse treatment and education programs relating to controlled substances, alcohol, and

marijuana for adults and children. Additionally, the fund can be used by a mental health court division that serves those with co-occurring substance use disorders.

The bill expands the powers and duties of the Office of Health Strategy and Coordination (OHSC) to: partner with the Department of Corrections and Department of Juvenile Justice to evaluate mental health wraparound services to meet client needs in the state reentry plan; partner with the Department of Community Supervision to evaluate the ability to share mental health data between agencies in order to facilitate identifying and treating people under community supervision who receive community-based mental health services; oversee coordination of mental health policy and behavioral health services across state agencies; develop and implement a solution to ensure appropriate health care services and supports; develop solutions to systemic barriers impeding delivery of behavioral health services; focus on goals to resolve issues related to behavioral health services; monitor and evaluate implementation of goals and recommendations to improve behavioral health access; establish common outcome measures to evaluate agencies in overseeing mental health services; and create a comprehensive formulary for behavioral health prescriptions under state health plans. Lastly, OHSC is to examine ways to increase certified peer specialists in rural and other underserved or unserved communities and conduct a survey or study on the emergency transport of individuals.

The state will fund at least five new co-responder programs, each of which will have a minimum of one team. Behavioral health co-responders are included in the entities trained at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center.

The Mental Health Courts and Corrections Subcommittee of the Georgia Behavioral Health Reform and Innovation Commission is authorized to submit recommendations to DBHDD regarding the development and future expansion of the program and continue exploring community supervision strategies. The subcommittee is also tasked with continuing to explore community supervision strategies for individuals with mental illnesses.

HB 1013 adds the following persons to the Behavioral Health Coordinating Council: the commissioner of the Department of Early Care and Learning; the commissioner of the Technical College System of Georgia; a behavioral-health expert employed by the University System of Georgia and designated by the chancellor of the university system; the Office of the Child Advocate; an expert on early-childhood mental health appointed by the governor; an expert on child and adolescent health appointed by the governor; and a pediatrician appointed by the governor.

Part V: Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health

DBHDD is to provide the following annual reports to OHSC: complaints made by individuals receiving behavioral health services; status of housing placements and needs; programs designed to serve disabled infants, children, and youth; and performance and fiscal status of each community service board.

HB 1013 clarifies that community service boards provide mental health, developmental disabilities, and addictive diseases services to both adults and children.

The bill adds a deadline of October 1, 2024, for the creation of a statewide system for sharing of data between various state agencies for the purposes of the care and protection of children.

The Multi-Agency Treatment for Children (MATCH) team is established within DBHDD and is composed of members from the following agencies: the Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS); the Department of Juvenile Justice; the Department of Early Care and Learning; the Department of Public Health; the Department of Community Health; the Department of Human Services; the Department of Education; the Office of the Child Advocate; and the Department of Corrections. The MATCH team facilitates cross-agency collaboration to explore resources and solutions for the treatment needs of children.

Part VI: Behavioral Health Reform and Innovation Commission

HB 1013 requires DCH to study and submit a report by December 31, 2022, for its insurance programs (Medicaid, PeachCare for Kids, and the State Health Benefit Plan) that compares reimbursement rates for mental health services to other states; reviews reimbursing providers of mental health care services; provides an accurate accounting of mental health fund distribution across state agencies; reviews medical necessity of denials for adolescent behavioral health services; and implements coordinated health care for foster youth with claims being immediately shared with DFCS.

The Behavioral Health Reform and Innovation Commission is authorized to collaborate with DBHDD to develop assisted outpatient treatment fidelity protocols and education for grantees; consult with DBHDD in the selection of a research consultant or entity; coordinate initiatives to assist local communities to keep those with

serious mental illness out of detention facilities; convene with various health plans and providers to examine how to develop a mechanism to meet the behavioral health needs of youth and young adults in state custody; provide adoptive caregivers with necessary support; and establish an advisory committees to evaluate methods to create pathways of care and develop and recommend solutions for appropriate health care services.

The bill requires the Georgia Data Analytic Center Project's administrator to prepare an annual unified report of suspected mental health parity violations with data received from OCI and DCH.

The bill also requires DCH to provide Medicaid coverage for any medically necessary prescription prescribed to an adult by a licensed practitioner for the treatment of delusion and mood disorders, including schizophrenia and bipolar disorder, if certain criteria are met.

The Behavioral Health Reform and Innovation Commission is extended to June 30, 2025.

HB 1014 Montgomery County; abolish mode of compensating sheriff; repeal Act

By: Rep. Leesa Hagan (156th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1014 repeals an act abolishing the mode of compensating the Montgomery County sheriff.

HB 1015 Montgomery County; Board of Elections and Registration; create

By: Rep. Leesa Hagan (156th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1015 creates the Montgomery County Board of Elections and Registration.

HB 1016 Montgomery County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts

By: Rep. Leesa Hagan (156th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1016 changes the description of the Montgomery County Board of Commissioners' districts.

HB 1017 Montgomery County; Board of Education; change description of districts

By: Rep. Leesa Hagan (156th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1017 changes the description of the Montgomery County Board of Education's districts.

HB 1018 Emanuel County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts

By: Rep. Butch Parrish (158th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1018 changes the description of the Emanuel County Board of Commissioners' districts.

HB 1019 Swainsboro, City of; corporate limits; change provisions

By: Rep. Butch Parrish (158th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1019 changes the provisions relating to the corporate limits of the city of Swainsboro.

HB 1020 Glynn County; Board of Commissioners; provide new district boundaries

By: Rep. Don Hogan (179th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1020 provides new district boundaries for the Glynn County Board of Commissioners.

HB 1021 Insurance; minimum nonforfeiture interest rate for individual deferred annuities; decrease

By: Rep. Eddie Lumsden (12th) Through the Insurance Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1021 decreases the minimum non-forfeiture interest rate for individual deferred annuities from 1% to 0.15%.

HB 1023 Talbot County; Board of Education; change description of districts*By: Rep. Debbie Buckner (137th)**Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1023 changes the description of the Talbot County Board of Education's districts.**HB 1024 Talbot County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts***By: Rep. Debbie Buckner (137th)**Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1024 changes the description of the Talbot County Board of Commissioners' districts.**HB 1025 Hall County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts***By: Rep. Lee Hawkins (27th)**Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1025 changes the description of the Hall County Board of Commissioners' districts.**HB 1026 Madison County; Board of Education; revise member districts***By: Rep. Rob Leverett (33rd)**Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1026 revises the districts for the election of the Madison County Board of Education's members.**HB 1027 Madison County; Board of Commissioners; revise member districts***By: Rep. Rob Leverett (33rd)**Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1027 revises the districts for the election of the Madison County Board of Commissioners.**HB 1028 Cobb County; Board of Education; change description of districts***By: Rep. Ginny Ehrhart (36th)**Through the Governmental Affairs Committee*Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1028 changes the description of the Cobb County Board of Education's districts.**HB 1032 Charlton County; Board of Commissioners; change district provisions***By: Rep. John Corbett (174th)**Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1032 changes the provisions relating to the Charlton County Board of Commissioners' districts.**HB 1033 Camden County Public Service Authority Act; enact***By: Rep. Steven Sainz (180th)**Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*Final Bill Summary: HB 1033 readopts provisions of the 'Camden County Public Service Authority Act.'**HB 1034 Sales and use tax; exemption for sales of admissions to nonrecurring major sporting events; revise***By: Rep. Marcus Wiedower (119th)**Through the Ways & Means Committee*Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1034 amends Code Section 48-8-3 to expand the sales tax exemption for sales of admissions to non-recurring major sporting events to include any match of a FIFA World Cup and by extending the sunset date from December 31, 2022, to December 31, 2031.

HB 1036 Lincoln County; Board of Education; provide compensation of members*By: Rep. Rob Leverett (33rd)**Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1036 provides for the compensation of the members of the Lincoln County Board of Education. Each member, including the chairperson, shall make \$200 for attendance at each meeting of the board and for each day while meeting or traveling within or outside the state as a member of the board on official business.

HB 1041 Income tax; tax credits for contributions to rural hospital organizations; increase aggregate limit*By: Rep. Clay Pirkle (155th)**Through the Ways & Means Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1041 amends O.C.G.A. 48-7-29.20, relating to tax credits for contributions to rural hospital organizations, by increasing the annual aggregate cap from \$60 million to \$75 million.

HB 1042 OneGeorgia Authority Act; grant program to establish primary care medical facilities in health professional shortage areas; provide*By: Rep. Rick Jasperse (11th)**Through the Health & Human Services Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1042 requires the OneGeorgia Authority to create a grant program. Subject to appropriation, this program provides grants to eligible development authorities to establish primary care medical facilities in health professional shortage areas. "Primary care medical facility" is defined as any facility where the majority of the services provided are primary care, dental, or mental health services. Award amounts shall not to exceed \$200,000 and are determined by the review of the primary care shortage; local commitment; consistency with local healthcare objectives; readiness and feasibility; geographic distribution of current primary care facilities; and cost estimates. Pending grant awards will be approved by the governor and the Board of Community Health.

HB 1044 Local government; creation of regional development authorities; provide*By: Rep. Clay Pirkle (155th)**Through the Economic Development & Tourism Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1044 allows for the creation of regional development authorities by a group of three to five contiguous counties. The bill stipulates that at least half of the members of the governing body from each county complete a basic economic development training course certified by the Department of Community Affairs. Each regional development authority is an active authority with a board of directors that meets quarterly, develops an operational business plan, owns property lying within one or more of the participating counties, and maintains an active agreement for sharing expenses and proceeds. A county cannot belong to more than one regional development authority. The bill provides a tax credit for each new quality job in qualifying investment properties for the lowest tier participating county within the regional development authority.

HB 1044 clarifies the definitions of cable and video services related to franchise fees. Cable and video services shall not include video programming accessed via a service that enables users to access content offered over the internet, including streaming content. Video service shall not include any video programming provided by a direct broadcast satellite service provider.

HB 1049 State Board of Nursing Home Administrators; revise composition*By: Rep. John LaHood (175th)**Through the Health & Human Services Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1049 adds two members to the State Board of Long-Term Care Facility Administrators. The number of members who are nursing home administrators increases from three to four, and the number of members who are either a personal care home administrator or an assisted living community administrator increases from three to four. The total number of members is 11 after June 30, 2022.

HB 1055 Motor vehicles; revise definition of all-terrain vehicle*By: Rep. Jason Ridley (6th)**Through the Motor Vehicles Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1055 increases the defined weight limit for an "all-terrain vehicle" from 2,500 pounds to 3,500 pounds.

HB 1056 Georgia Firefighters' Pension Fund; authority to make alternative investments; repeal certain restrictions*By: Rep. Dewayne Hill (3rd)**Through the Retirement Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1056 allows the Georgia Firefighters' Pension Fund to invest up to 15% of the fund's total assets in alternative investments. The fund's current limit on alternative investments is 10%. This bill is certified by the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts as a non-fiscal retirement bill.

HB 1058 Income tax; affiliated corporations file separate or consolidated returns; provisions*By: Rep. Bruce Williamson (115th)**Through the Ways & Means Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1058 amends 48-7-21, relating to income taxation of corporations, to allow affiliated corporations to elect to file a Georgia consolidated income tax return without the request or approval of the Department of Revenue. For the purposes of allocation and apportionment, each member of a Georgia affiliated group shall be considered a separate taxpayer. Any taxable loss of a member of a Georgia affiliated group shall be deductible against the taxable income of any other member of the group only if the loss is apportioned and allocated to Georgia. The choice to file a consolidated income tax return is irrevocable and binding for a period of five years. At the end of the five-year period, the taxpayer may elect to file a consolidate return again.

HB 1059 Insurance; unfair trade practices and unlawful inducements; provide for exclusions*By: Rep. Matthew Gambill (15th)**Through the Insurance Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1059 provides exclusions to unfair trade practices and unlawful inducements by allowing insurance companies to provide loss-mitigation safety products to consumers.

HB 1060 Cochran, City of; levy an excise tax*By: Rep. Danny Mathis (144th)**Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1060 authorizes the city of Cochran to levy an excise tax.

HB 1061 Lee County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts*By: Rep. Bill Yearta (152nd)**Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1061 changes the description of the Lee County Board of Commissioners' districts.

HB 1062 Upson County; ad valorem tax for county purposes; provide homestead exemption*By: Rep. Beth Camp (131st)**Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1062 provides a \$24,000 homestead exemption for Upson County residents who are 65 years of age or older and disabled.

HB 1063 Wayne County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts*By: Rep. Steven Meeks (178th)**Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1063 changes the description of the Wayne County Board of Commissioners' districts.

HB 1064 Income tax; certain retirement income for military service; provide exemption*By: Rep. Jesse Petrea (166th)**Through the Ways & Means Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1064 amends O.C.G.A. 48-7-27, relating to the computation of taxable net income, by adding an income tax exemption of up to \$17,500 of military retirement income for individuals less than 62 years of age and an additional exemption of \$17,500 for individuals less than 62 years of age who have at least \$17,500 of earned income.

- HB 1066 Stewart County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Gerald Greene (151st) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1066 changes the description of the Stewart County Board of Commissioners' districts.
- HB 1067 Stewart County; Board of Education; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Gerald Greene (151st) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1067 changes the description of the Stewart County Board of Education's districts.
- HB 1069 Mental health; adult mental health programs; provide licensure**
By: Rep. Bruce Williamson (115th) Through the Health & Human Services Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1069 provides for the classification, evaluation, licensure, and monitoring of mental health treatment and recovery programs. Certain governing bodies are prohibited from operating adult residential mental health programs without a valid or provisional license. Unlicensed programs may receive a civil penalty of \$100 per bed per day for each violation, which is doubled if unlicensed operations continue after notification. Operators and owners of unlicensed programs will also be guilty of a misdemeanor for the first violation and could face a felony under certain circumstances.
- The Department of Community Health is required to create minimum quality standards across several areas, including admission criteria, adequate facilities and equipment, training standards, service content, referral arrangements, and prescription dispensing. Records pertaining to someone with a mental illness seeking or receiving treatment will be confidential except under certain circumstances. The department will conduct regular on-site inspections of licensed adult mental health programs.
- HB 1070 Jones County; Board of Education; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Susan Holmes (129th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1070 changes the description of the Jones County Board of Education's districts.
- HB 1071 Jones County; Board of Commissioners; reapportion districts**
By: Rep. Susan Holmes (129th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1071 reapportions the Jones County Board of Commissioners' districts.
- HB 1072 McIntosh County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Buddy DeLoach (167th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1072 changes the description of the McIntosh County Board of Commissioners' districts.
- HB 1073 Bryan County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Ron Stephens (164th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1073 reconstitutes the Bryan County Board of Commissioners.
- HB 1074 Bryan County; Board of Education; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Ron Stephens (164th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1074 changes the description of the Bryan County Board of Education's districts.
- HB 1075 Jenkins County; Board of Commissioners; revise member districts**
By: Rep. Butch Parrish (158th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1075 revises the districts for the election of members of the Jenkins County Board of Commissioners.

HB 1076 Grady County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts

By: Rep. Darlene Taylor (173rd) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1076 changes the description of the Grady County Board of Commissioners' districts.

HB 1077 Thomas County; Board of Education; change description of districts

By: Rep. Darlene Taylor (173rd) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1077 changes the description of the Thomas County Board of Education's districts.

HB 1078 Paulding County; Board of Commissioners; revise member districts

By: Rep. Joseph Gullett (19th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1078 revises the districts for the election of members of the Paulding County Board of Commissioners.

HB 1079 Peach County; Board of Education; change description of districts

By: Rep. Robert Dickey (140th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1079 changes the description of the districts from which members of the Peach County Board of Education are elected.

HB 1080 Peach County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts

By: Rep. Robert Dickey (140th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1080 changes the description of the districts from which members of the Peach County Board of Commissioners are elected.

HB 1081 Jenkins County; Board of Education; revise member districts

By: Rep. Butch Parrish (158th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1081 revises the districts for the election of members of the Jenkins County Board of Education.

HB 1082 Wilkes County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts

By: Rep. Trey Rhodes (120th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1082 changes the description of the Wilkes County Board of Commissioners' districts.

HB 1084 Education; curricula or training programs which encourage certain concepts; prevent use of

By: Rep. Will Wade (9th) Through the Education Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1084 creates the 'Protect Students First Act,' which prevents the use of and reliance on curricula or training programs in state public schools that espouse "divisive concepts," such as: one race is inherently superior to another race; the United States of America is fundamentally racist; an individual, by virtue of their race, is inherently racist or oppressive toward individuals of other races; an individual should be discriminated against or receive adverse treatment because of their race; an individual bears responsibility for actions committed in the past by other individuals of the same race; an individual should feel anguish, guilt, or any other form of psychological distress solely because of his or her race; the appreciation of character traits, such as hard work ethic, are racist or have been advocated for by individuals of a particular race to oppress individuals of another race; any other form of race scapegoating or race stereotyping.

No later than August 1, 2022, each local board of education is to adopt a complaint resolution policy to address complaints alleging violations of this new policy. Within three school days of receiving a written complaint, the school principal or principal's designee will determine whether the alleged violation occurred and communicate that decision as well as remedial steps to the complainant within five days. The school principal's determinations will be reviewed by the local school superintendent, or their designee, within 14 days of

receiving a written request, and their decision is subject to review by the local board of education or the State Charter Schools Commission.

Decisions may be appealed to the State Board of Education, which shall make written findings of any violations. In cases where a local school system has been granted one or more waivers, the State Board of Education will immediately suspend one or more waivers in the local school system's contract. In cases where a school system has not been granted a waiver, the state school superintendent will determine whether to exercise their suspension authority.

House Bill 1084 adds a new subsection of 20-2-316 that no high school that receives Quality Basic Education Act (QBE) funds shall participate in, sponsor, or provide coaching staff for interscholastic sports events that are conducted under the authority of any athletic association unless that association provides for an executive oversight committee and for reimbursement for such oversight committee.

A compliant athletic association has a charter, by-laws, and a 10-member executive oversight committee. The athletic association must also provide for reimbursement for travel expenses incurred by the executive oversight committee for the performance of their duties.

If an athletic association determines that it is necessary and appropriate to prohibit students whose gender is male from participating in athletic events that are designated for students whose gender is female, then the athletic association may adopt a policy to that effect, and that policy shall be applied to all of the association's participating high schools. Any school that does not comply with this code section shall forfeit its allotted funding provided for under Article 6.

HB 1086 Health; influenza vaccinations for discharged patients; lower age to 50

By: Rep. Katie Dempsey (13th) Through the Health & Human Services Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1086 reduces the age from 65 to 50 years old for hospitals to offer an inpatient the influenza vaccine prior to discharge.

HB 1088 Property; nonjudicial foreclosure of time-share estates; authorize

By: Rep. Stan Gunter (8th) Through the Judiciary Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1088 authorizes non-judicial foreclosures of time-share estates by an owners' association. The notice of sale shall be in writing sent by registered/certified mail or overnight delivery no later than 30 days prior to the date of the proposed sale, or alternatively by advertising in a local newspaper.

HB 1089 Revenue and taxation; certain violations of registration requirements for motor vehicles operated by motor carriers; increase penalty

By: Rep. Vance Smith (133rd) Through the Motor Vehicles Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1089 increases the penalty fee from \$25 to \$145 for each violation of specified motor vehicle registration requirements.

HB 1099 Laurens County; Board of Education; change description of districts

By: Rep. Matt Hatchett (150th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1099 changes the description of the Laurens County Board of Education's districts.

HB 1100 Laurens County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts

By: Rep. Matt Hatchett (150th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1100 changes the description of the Laurens County Board of Commissioners' districts.

HB 1101 Early County; school district ad valorem tax; provide homestead exemption

By: Rep. Gerald Greene (151st) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1101 revises the administrative provisions regarding submission of documentation regarding income for an Early County school district homestead exemption.

HB 1102 Early County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts*By: Rep. Gerald Greene (151st)**Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1102 changes the description of the Early County Board of Commissioners' districts.

HB 1103 Motor vehicles; heavy-duty equipment motor vehicle; revise definition*By: Rep. Mike Cheokas (138th)**Through the Motor Vehicles Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1103 provides the definition of a "heavy-duty equipment motor vehicle" as it relates to separately stated fees in a motor vehicle rental agreement between a motor vehicle rental company and a rental customer.

HB 1104 Cook County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts*By: Rep. Penny Houston (170th)**Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1104 changes the description of the Cook County Board of Commissioners' districts.

HB 1105 Cook County; Board of Education; change description of districts*By: Rep. Penny Houston (170th)**Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1105 changes the description of the Cook County Board of Education's districts.

HB 1106 Wilcox County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts*By: Rep. Noel Williams (148th)**Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1106 changes the description of the Wilcox County Board of Commissioners' districts.

HB 1108 Putnam County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts*By: Rep. Trey Rhodes (120th)**Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1108 changes the description of the Putnam County Board of Commissioners' districts.

HB 1109 Griffin-Spalding County; Board of Education; reconstitute*By: Rep. Karen Mathiak (73rd)**Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1109 reconstitutes the Griffin-Spalding County Board of Education.

HB 1110 Spalding County; Board of Commissioners; reconstitute and change description of districts*By: Rep. Karen Mathiak (73rd)**Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1110 reconstitutes the Spalding County Board of Commissioners.

HB 1111 Pierce County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts*By: Rep. Steven Meeks (178th)**Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1111 changes the description of the Pierce County Board of Commissioners' districts.

HB 1112 Pierce County; Board of Education; change description of districts*By: Rep. Steven Meeks (178th)**Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1112 changes the description of the Pierce County Board of Education's districts.

- HB 1113 Ben Hill County; Board of Commissioners; reconstitute and change description of districts**
By: Rep. Clay Pirkle (155th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1113 reconstitutes the Ben Hill County Board of Commissioners.
- HB 1114 Jackson County; School System; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Tommy Benton (31st) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1114 changes the description of the Jackson County School System's districts.
- HB 1115 Commerce, City of; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Tommy Benton (31st) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1115 changes the description of the education districts for the Commerce Independent School District.
- HB 1116 Jackson County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Tommy Benton (31st) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1116 adds a fifth member to the Jackson County Board of Commissioners and changes the description of the districts.
- HB 1117 Bryan County; State Court; authorize collection of technology fee**
By: Rep. Ron Stephens (164th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1117 authorizes the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Bryan County State Court.
- HB 1118 Cherokee County; Board of Education; revise districts**
By: Rep. Mandi Ballinger (23rd) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1118 revises the districts for the Cherokee County Board of Education.
- HB 1119 Decatur County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Joe Campbell (171st) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1119 changes the description of the Decatur County Board of Commissioners' districts.
- HB 1122 Decatur County; Board of Education; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Joe Campbell (171st) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1122 changes the description of the Decatur County Board of Education's districts.
- HB 1123 Glynn County; Board of Education; provide new district boundaries**
By: Rep. Don Hogan (179th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1123 provides new district boundaries for the Glynn County Board of Education.
- HB 1124 Houston County; Board of Education; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Shaw Blackmon (146th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1124 changes the description of the Houston County Board of Education's districts.

- HB 1125 Ben Hill County; Board of Education; provide new district boundaries**
By: Rep. Clay Pirkle (155th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1125 provides new district boundaries for the Ben Hill County Board of Education.
- HB 1126 McIntosh County; Board of Education; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Buddy DeLoach (167th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1126 changes the description of the McIntosh County Board of Education's districts.
- HB 1127 Whitfield County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Kasey Carpenter (4th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1127 changes the description of the Whitfield County Board of Commissioners' districts.
- HB 1128 Whitfield County; Board of Education; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Kasey Carpenter (4th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1128 changes the description of the Whitfield County Board of Education's districts.
- HB 1129 Charlton County; Board of Education; change district provisions**
By: Rep. John Corbett (174th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1129 changes the provisions relating to the Charlton County Board of Education's districts.
- HB 1134 Crimes and offenses; prosecute offenses involving criminal gang activity; provide for concurrent authority**
By: Rep. Chuck Efstrotation (104th) Through the Judiciary Non-Civil Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1134 provides the attorney general with concurrent jurisdiction with prosecutors for certain criminal gang-related crimes across the state. The attorney general may also employ peace officers for investigative purposes.
- HB 1135 Coweta County; Board of Education; provide new district boundaries**
By: Rep. Lynn Smith (70th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1135 provides new district boundaries for the Coweta County Board of Education.
- HB 1136 Coweta County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Lynn Smith (70th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1136 changes the description of the Coweta County Board of Commissioners' districts.
- HB 1138 Morrow, City of; increase homestead exemption**
By: Rep. Yasmin Neal (74th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1138 increases the amount of a city of Morrow homestead exemption to \$80,000 of the assessed value of the homestead.

HB 1139 Tattnell County; Board of Education; change description of districts

By: Rep. William Werkheiser (157th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1139 changes the description of the Tattnell County Board of Education's districts.

HB 1140 Banks County; Board of Education; provide new districts

By: Rep. Chris Erwin (28th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1140 provides new education districts for the Banks County Board of Education.

HB 1141 Banks County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts

By: Rep. Chris Erwin (28th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1141 changes the description of the Banks County Board of Commissioners' districts.

HB 1142 Athens, City of; Clarke County; Board of Education; change description of districts

By: Rep. Houston Gaines (117th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1142 changes the description of the Athens-Clarke County School System's districts.

HB 1143 Cherokee County; Board of Commissioners; revise districts

By: Rep. Mandi Ballinger (23rd) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1143 revises the districts for the election of members to the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners.

HB 1146 Motor vehicles; law enforcement vehicles be equipped with primarily blue flashing or revolving lights; provide

By: Rep. Jodi Lott (122nd) Through the Public Safety & Homeland Security Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1146 requires vehicles driven by officers enforcing traffic to be equipped with flashing lights, primarily blue in color, and removes the restriction on the Georgia State Patrol from having more than two vehicles per post without such exterior-mounted roof lights.

HB 1147 Game and fish; hunting and trapping of raccoons and opossum year round; authorize

By: Rep. Trey Rhodes (120th) Through the Game, Fish, & Parks Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1147 allows for year-round hunting and trapping of raccoons and opossums and removes bag limits.

HB 1148 Game and fish; possession of cervid carcasses; remove definitions; provisions

By: Rep. Trey Rhodes (120th) Through the Game, Fish, & Parks Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1148 prohibits the transportation of a cervid carcass from outside Georgia into the state if any part of the carcass contains a portion of the nervous system. The bill clarifies exceptions to include antlers, skulls, skull plates, teeth, or jawbones that do have soft tissue attached.

If chronic wasting disease is detected in Georgia or a county adjacent to the state's borders, HB 1148 grants the Department of Natural Resources to further restrict the transportation of cervid carcasses into, or within, the state.

HB 1150 Freedom to Farm Act; enact

By: Rep. Robert Dickey (140th) Through the Agriculture & Consumer Affairs Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1150 eliminates definitions for "agricultural area," "changed conditions," and "urban sprawl" in order to prevent a nuisance lawsuit from being brought against a farming operation that has been active for more than two years. A private nuisance action cannot be brought against an agricultural

facility or operation unless the plaintiff possesses the real property affected by the alleged nuisance. The start of a concentrated animal feeding operation (CAFO) shall constitute a separate and independent established date of operation, regardless of whether the CAFO is started on a pre-existing farming operation. The bill adds that the provisions of the subsection do not apply if a nuisance is caused by negligence or illegal operations.

HB 1154 Cobb County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts

By: Rep. John Carson (46th)

Through the Governmental Affairs Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1154 changes the description of the Cobb County Board of Commissioners' districts.

HB 1155 Gordon County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts

By: Rep. Matt Barton (5th)

Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1155 changes the description of the Gordon County Board of Commissioners' districts.

HB 1156 Johnson County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts

By: Rep. Matt Hatchett (150th)

Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1156 changes the description of the Johnson County Board of Commissioners' districts.

HB 1157 Johnson County; Board of Education; change description of districts

By: Rep. Matt Hatchett (150th)

Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

Final Bill Summary: HB 1157 changes the description of the Johnson County Board of Education's districts.

HB 1159 Calhoun County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts

By: Rep. Gerald Greene (151st)

Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1159 changes the description of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners' districts.

HB 1160 Clay County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts

By: Rep. Gerald Greene (151st)

Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1160 changes the description of the Clay County Board of Commissioners' districts.

HB 1161 Clay County; Board of Education; change description of districts

By: Rep. Gerald Greene (151st)

Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1161 changes the description of the Clay County Board of Education's districts.

HB 1162 Telfair County; Board of Education; change description of districts

By: Rep. Robert Pruitt (149th)

Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1162 changes the description of the Telfair County Board of Education's districts.

HB 1163 Dodge County; Board of Education; change description of districts

By: Rep. Robert Pruitt (149th)

Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1163 changes the description of the Dodge County Board of Education's districts.

- HB 1164 Dodge County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Robert Pruitt (149th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1164 changes the description of the Dodge County Board of Commissioners' districts.
- HB 1165 Wheeler County; Board of Education; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Robert Pruitt (149th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: HB 1165 changes the description of the Wheeler County Board of Education's districts.
- HB 1166 Lee County; Board of Education; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Bill Yearta (152nd) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: HB 1166 changes the description of the Lee County Board of Education's districts.
- HB 1167 Taliaferro County; Board of Education; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Trey Rhodes (120th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1167 changes the description of the Taliaferro County Board of Education's districts.
- HB 1168 Turner County; Board of Education; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Clay Pirkle (155th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1168 changes the description of the Turner County Board of Education's districts.
- HB 1169 Turner County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Clay Pirkle (155th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1169 changes the description of the Turner County Board of Commissioners' districts.
- HB 1170 Thomas County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Darlene Taylor (173rd) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1170 changes the description of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners' districts.
- HB 1171 Monroe County; Board of Education; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Robert Dickey (140th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1171 changes the description of the Monroe County Board of Education's districts.
- HB 1172 Monroe County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Robert Dickey (140th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1172 changes the description of the Monroe County Board of Commissioners' districts.
- HB 1173 Morgan County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts**
By: Rep. D. C. Belton (112th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1173 changes the description of the Morgan County Board of Commissioners' districts.

HB 1174 Morgan County; Board of Education; change description of districts*By: Rep. D. C. Belton (112th)**Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1174 changes the composition and description of the education districts from which members of the Morgan County Board of Education are elected.

HB 1175 Georgia Raw Dairy Act; enact*By: Rep. Clay Pirkle (155th)**Through the Agriculture & Consumer Affairs Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1175 provides for the standards related to the safety, transportation, and sale of raw milk in Georgia. The Department of Agriculture shall be responsible for the enforcement of this article and establishing any related rules and regulations, including rules related to the labeling of raw milk for human consumption, specifications for any glassware used for bottling, and the installation of recording thermometers on bulk farm tanks.

Any person who manufactures, stores, or sells raw milk for human consumption must be in possession of a permit from the department. Permits must be held before the beginning of an operation and are not transferable. All permits are valid for one year and are renewable upon submission of relevant forms. Any person operating under this article must provide the department with any requested data or statistics.

Prior to the issuance of a permit, samples of raw milk shall be collected and tested to ensure acceptable pathogenic results. Following the issuance of a permit, the department shall test raw milk for consumption as frequently as necessary to determine a product is not adulterated, misbranded, or otherwise not in compliance. At least four samples must be collected in a six-month period in at least four separate months. Samples must show the raw milk for human consumption conforms to the following standards: bacteria limits below 20,000 per mL; no positive results for drugs; somatic cell count below 500,000 per mL; coliform counts below 10 per mL; and any organisms of *Escherichia coli*. If the freezing point of milk is greater than -0.525 degrees Celsius, the raw milk is to be considered to contain water and is in violation of this article, the penalty for which is a two-day suspension for a violation of greater than 3%. Raw milk is to be considered adulterated if the presence of drugs, pesticides, herbicides, or other poisonous substances are found; if milk is adulterated, it should be disposed of outside of the human or animal food chain and a penalty shall be imposed. Further, if a drug residue test is positive, a recall shall be initiated. Samples shall be analyzed by a laboratory in compliance with the latest edition of Standard Methods for the Examination of Dairy Products (SMEDP) of the American Public Health Association and the latest edition of Official methods of Analysis (OMA) of the Association of Official Agricultural Chemists (AOAC) International.

HB 1175 requires all raw milk for human consumption to be bottled, packaged, and sealed in the same location the milk is produced. All vessels, including bottles, shall be labeled in accordance to requirements set by the 'Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act,' as amended by the 'Nutrition Labeling and Education Act of 1990' and any other relevant federal regulations. Bottles, containers, and packages containing approved raw milk for consumption shall also be marked with the following: "Grade A Raw" on the exterior; the identity of the farm in which the product was produced; the statement, "This is a raw milk product that is not pasteurized and may increase the risk of foodborne illness" in no smaller than 12-point font; and the common name of the hoofed animal that produced the milk.

Raw milk for consumption shall be cooled to 10 degrees Celsius or less within four hours and to 7 degrees Celsius or less within two hours of the commencement of milking. Finished, processed, and packaged raw milk shall be kept at 7 degrees Celsius or less during storage and transportation.

Lactating animals that show evidence of milk with abnormalities or that have been treated with or consumed medicinal or radioactive agents must be milked last or using separate equipment and the extracted milk must be discarded. Milk from lactating animals that have consumed medicinal agents as prescribed by a veterinarian or that has been exposed to insecticides shall not be offered for sale. Milking equipment that has been exposed to an animal with milk abnormalities shall be sanitized before being used again to reduce the possibility of re-infection or cross infection. All animals producing raw milk for human consumption must be tested for brucellosis and tuberculosis every 12 months; animals shipped into Georgia for the purpose of milking shall be tested no more than 30 days before being brought into the state. If an animal tests positive, it shall be separated from the herd, retested, and, if necessary, disposed of according to guidelines published by the United States Department of Agriculture.

Each producer of raw milk for human consumption must develop and maintain procedures to notify regulatory officials, consumers, and conduct product recalls.

Any person that violates any of the following shall be found guilty of a misdemeanor: handling of raw milk in

unclean or unsanitary places or manners; storage or preparation of any raw milk for human consumption in the same structure where hide or fur of any cow, horse, hog, or other livestock is kept; handling or shipment of raw milk in unclean or unsanitary vessels; exposure of raw milk to flies or another contaminated influence; possession of a branded or registered raw milk can or container for any purpose other than the handling, storage, or shipment of raw milk; the sale of raw milk that is not pure, fresh, and handled with clean equipment; the sale of raw milk from diseased or unhealthy animals or that came in contact with a person suffering from a contagious disease; the sale of raw milk that has been exposed to contaminant that would render the raw milk unsuitable for human consumption; or the sale of raw milk that does not meet the standards set by this article.

HB 1175 exempts any testing equipment used to determine whether a substance has been adulterated with a synthetic opioid from being considered a drug-related object.

HB 1178 Parents' Bill of Rights; enact

By: Rep. Josh Bonner (72nd)

Through the Education Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1178 establishes the 'Parents' Bill of Rights' and states that it is the fundamental right of a parent to direct the upbringing and education of their minor children. The bill certifies that no state or local government entity, local board of education, or any officer, employee, or agent thereof may infringe on the fundamental right of a parent without the action being reasonable and necessary to achieve a narrowly tailored, compelling state interest and is otherwise served by less restrictive means. The fundamental rights of parents include the right to: direct the moral and religious upbringing of their minor child; review all instructional materials intended for use in the classroom of their minor child; apply to enroll their minor child into a public or private school, or other available options; access and review all records relating to their child unless prohibited by law; access information relating to promotion and retention policies and high school graduation requirements; and consent in writing before a photograph, video, or voice recording of their child is made.

Each governing body, in consultation with parents, teachers, and administrators, will develop and adopt a policy or regulation to promote parental involvement in public schools. The policy will include procedures for a parent to fulfill all the parts of their fundamental rights, as previously listed.

HB 1183 Criminal procedure; increase time allotted to try a criminal case in judicial emergencies; provide

By: Rep. Stan Gunter (8th)

Through the Judiciary Non-Civil Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1183 revises the timeline for remission of bonds in criminal cases from payment of judgment to entry of judgment and may consider whether any delay by the surety prevented the prosecution of the accused. The bill also reduces the collateral required for bond companies to have available to 5% of the current outstanding liability, when a bond company has operated for 18 months continuously in a county. Further, the bond companies are not required to have more than \$1 million available on deposit.

HB 1186 Speech-language pathologists and audiologists; revise licensing provisions

By: Rep. Penny Houston (170th)

Through the Health & Human Services Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1186 expands the eligibility for persons who can have a non-diagnostic electro-physiologic screening done by a non-licensed audiologist from age three and under to birth through 22 years of age.

HB 1188 Criminal procedure; each act of child molestation charged as a separate offense; provide

By: Rep. Jodi Lott (122nd)

Through the Judiciary Non-Civil Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1188 revises the crimes of "child molestation" and "sexual exploitation of children" to specify that each individual violation of the crimes can be charged as its own count in a charging document.

Further, the bill defines "commercial social networking" and "high-risk sex offender" and makes it a crime for any high-risk sex offender to access or use a commercial social networking website to communicate with a person who the offender believes is under 16 years old, impersonate a person under the age of 16 years old, or gather information about a person who the offender believes is under 16 years of age. The penalty for this crime is a felony with imprisonment of between one to 10 years, a maximum fine of \$10,000, or both.

HB 1190 Bartow County; Board of Education; provide new district boundaries*By: Rep. Mitchell Scoggins (14th)**Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1190 provides new district boundaries for the Bartow County Board of Education.**HB 1191 Bremen, City of; Municipal Court; charge technology fee***By: Rep. Tyler Smith (18th)**Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1191 authorizes the Bremen Municipal Court to charge a technology fee.**HB 1193 Funeral directors and embalmers; reinstatement of lapsed license under certain conditions; provide***By: Rep. Matthew Gambill (15th)**Through the Regulated Industries Committee*Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1193 requires the Georgia Board of Funeral Service to allow licensees that had their license lapse for no more than 10 years to be reinstated after paying the required renewal fees for the lapsed time, in addition to a reinstatement fee. Licensees are also required to complete continuing education hours. In order to be eligible for reinstatement, licensees cannot have been subject to disciplinary action by the board. The bill also removes the limitation on apprenticeship registrations.**HB 1194 Motor vehicles; federal regulations regarding safe operation of commercial motor vehicles and carriers; update reference date***By: Rep. Clint Crowe (110th)**Through the Motor Vehicles Committee*Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1194 updates the 'Uniform Carriers Act' to change the effective date to January 1, 2022, to comply with federal law.**HB 1195 Local government; audits of funds may be conducted in accordance with statutory accounting principles; provide***By: Rep. Eddie Lumsden (12th)**Through the Insurance Committee*Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1195 updates the reporting options for interlocal risk management agencies within local government to include statutory accounting principles.**HB 1196 Hart County; school district ad valorem tax; provide homestead exemption***By: Rep. Alan Powell (32nd)**Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1196 increases the amount of a Hart County School District senior homestead exemption to \$15,000 of the assessed value of the homestead.**HB 1201 Baker County; Board of Education; change description of districts***By: Rep. Winfred Dukes (154th)**Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1201 changes the description of the Baker County Board of Education's districts.**HB 1202 Baker County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts***By: Rep. Winfred Dukes (154th)**Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1202 changes the description of the Baker County Board of Commissioners' districts.**HB 1203 Tift County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts***By: Rep. Clay Pirkle (155th)**Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1203 changes the description of the Tift County Board of Commissioners' districts.

- HB 1204 Dougherty County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Winfred Dukes (154th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1204 changes the description of the Dougherty County Board of Commissioners' districts.
- HB 1205 Camden County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Steven Sainz (180th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1205 changes the description of the Camden County Board of Commissioners' districts.
- HB 1206 Jefferson, City of; Board of Education; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Tommy Benton (31st) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1206 changes the description of the city of Jefferson's education districts.
- HB 1207 Tift County; Board of Education; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Clay Pirkle (155th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: HB 1207 changes the description of the Tift County Board of Education's districts.
- HB 1208 Greene County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Trey Rhodes (120th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1208 changes the description of the Greene County Board of Commissioners' districts.
- HB 1209 Greene County; Board of Education; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Trey Rhodes (120th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: HB 1209 changes the description of the Greene County Board of Education's districts.
- HB 1210 Fayette County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Josh Bonner (72nd) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1210 changes the description of the Fayette County Board of Commissioners' districts.
- HB 1211 Burke County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Gloria Frazier (126th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1211 changes the description of the Burke County Board of Commissioners' districts.
- HB 1212 Burke County; Board of Education; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Gloria Frazier (126th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: HB 1212 changes the description of the Burke County Board of Education's districts.
- HB 1213 Marion County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Mike Cheokas (138th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1213 changes the description of the Marion County Board of Commissioners' districts.
- HB 1214 Clayton County; Board of Education; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Sandra Scott (76th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: HB 1214 changes the description of the Clayton County Board of Education's districts.

HB 1215 Education; provision that reduced the amount of certain funding to state charter schools that offer virtual instruction; remove**By: Rep. Brad Thomas (21st)*****Through the Education Committee***

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1215 revises O.C.G.A. 20-2-2066 to allow students to withdraw without penalty from a local school in the school system in which a student resides and enroll in a charter school with available classroom space. Each local board of education will adopt a universal, streamlined transfer process. The bill includes a definition of "charter school," which clarifies that it operates under a charter school governing board, has a code assigned by the Department of Education, and is the subject of a report card prepared and distributed by the Office of Student Achievement. HB 1215 addresses funding of local charter schools by noting the calculation of allocation of local revenue is adjusted at least semi-annually based on collected local revenues.

HB 1216 Traffic offenses; enhanced penalties for violations of fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer; provide**By: Rep. Lauren McDonald (26th)*****Through the Public Safety & Homeland Security Committee***

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1216 enhances the penalties for fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer. The minimum fine for a first conviction increases from \$500 to \$1,000 and a minimum 30-day imprisonment. A second conviction within a 10-year period has an increased minimum fine of \$2,500, up from \$1,000 and a minimum period of imprisonment of 90 days. Third convictions within a 10-year period carry a \$4,000 penalty, increased from \$2,500 and a minimum imprisonment of 180 days. These first three convictions are a high and aggravated misdemeanor. A fourth or subsequent conviction within a 10-year period becomes a felony and is punished by a fine not less than \$5,000 nor more than \$10,000 and imprisonment not less than 12 months nor more than 10 years.

Anyone fleeing the police who causes an accident, passes a school bus camera, is drag racing, or is found to be reckless driving is guilty of a felony and punished by a fine of at least \$5,000, but no more than \$10,000. That person is also subject to imprisonment for not less than 12 months nor more than 10 years.

HB 1219 Georgia Board of Dentistry; revise composition**By: Rep. Penny Houston (170th)*****Through the Health & Human Services Committee***

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1219 increases the number of members of the Georgia Board of Dentistry from 11 to 17. The number of members who are dentists increases from nine to 13 and the number of members who are dental hygienists increases from one to two. The bill also adds a member who has direct knowledge of the education of dental students in this state appointed by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia.

HB 1226 Evans County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts**By: Rep. William Werkheiser (157th)*****Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee***

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1226 changes the description of the Evans County Board of Commissioners' districts.

HB 1227 Evans County; Board of Education; change description of districts**By: Rep. William Werkheiser (157th)*****Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee***

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1227 changes the description of the Evans County Board of Education's districts.

HB 1228 Lamar County; Board of Commissioners; reconstitute and change description of districts**By: Rep. Beth Camp (131st)*****Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee***

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1228 reconstitutes the Lamar County Board of Commissioners.

- HB 1229 Pike County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Beth Camp (131st) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1229 changes the description of the Pike County Board of Commissioners' districts.
- HB 1230 Lamar County; Board of Education; reconstitute and change description of districts**
By: Rep. Beth Camp (131st) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1230 reconstitutes the Lamar County Board of Education.
- HB 1233 Natural Resources, Department of; earliest effective date for certain rules and regulations; delay**
By: Rep. Trey Rhodes (120th) Through the Game, Fish, & Parks Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1233 revises the effective date to January 1, 2022, for rules and regulations promulgated by the Board of Natural Resources.
- HB 1233 consolidates the following species of bass under the species name of genus micropterus (black bass): smallmouth bass; shoal bass; suwannee bass; spotted bass or Kentucky bass; and redeye bass or coosa bass.
- The bill limits the capacity of a shotgun used for hunting migratory game birds to not more than three shells total. The plug utilized shall be a single piece and incapable of being removed through the loading end of the magazine. The bill replaces ducks, geese, or swans with the umbrella term of "migratory game birds."
- HB 1236 Irwin County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Clay Pirkle (155th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1236 changes the description of the Irwin County Board of Commissioners' districts.
- HB 1237 Coffee County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Clay Pirkle (155th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1237 changes the description of the Coffee County Board of Commissioners' districts.
- HB 1238 Wilcox County; Board of Education; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Noel Williams (148th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1238 changes the description of the Wilcox County Board of Education's districts.
- HB 1239 Baldwin County; Board of Education; provide new district boundaries**
By: Rep. Ricky Williams (145th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1239 provides new district boundaries for the Baldwin County Board of Education.
- HB 1240 Appling County; Board of Education; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Steven Meeks (178th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: HB 1240 changes the description of the Appling County Board of Education's districts.
- HB 1241 Wayne County; Board of Education; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Steven Meeks (178th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: HB 1241 changes the description of the Wayne County Board of Education's districts.

HB 1242 Putnam County; Board of Education; change description of districts*By: Rep. Trey Rhodes (120th)**Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*Final Bill Summary: HB 1242 changes the description of the Putnam County Board of Education's districts.**HB 1243 Forsyth County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts***By: Rep. Todd Jones (25th)**Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1243 changes the description of the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners' districts.**HB 1245 Sumter County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts***By: Rep. Mike Cheokas (138th)**Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1245 changes the description of the Sumter County Board of Commissioners' districts.**HB 1246 Forsyth County; Board of Education; revise districts***By: Rep. Todd Jones (25th)**Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1246 revises the districts for the election of members of the Forsyth County Board of Education.**HB 1247 Camden County; Board of Education; provide new district boundaries***By: Rep. Steven Sainz (180th)**Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1247 provides new district boundaries for the Camden County Board of Education.**HB 1249 Quitman County; Board of Education; change description of districts***By: Rep. Gerald Greene (151st)**Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*Final Bill Summary: HB 1249 changes the description of the Quitman County Board of Education's districts.**HB 1250 DeKalb County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts***By: Rep. Karla Drenner (85th)**Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1250 changes the description of the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners' districts.**HB 1251 Emanuel County; Board of Education; change description of districts***By: Rep. Butch Parrish (158th)**Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*Final Bill Summary: HB 1251 changes the description of the Emanuel County Board of Education's districts.**HB 1252 Chattooga County; Board of Education; change description of districts***By: Rep. Eddie Lumsden (12th)**Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*Final Bill Summary: HB 1252 changes the description of the Chattooga County Board of Education's districts.**HB 1254 Marion County; Board of Education; change description of districts***By: Rep. Mike Cheokas (138th)**Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*Final Bill Summary: HB 1254 changes the description of the Marion County Board of Education's districts.

- HB 1255 Schley County; Board of Education; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Mike Cheokas (138th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: HB 1255 changes the description of the Schley County Board of Education's districts.
- HB 1257 Schley County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Mike Cheokas (138th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1257 changes the description of the Schley County Board of Commissioners' districts.
- HB 1258 Grady County; Board of Education; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Darlene Taylor (173rd) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: HB 1258 changes the description of the Grady County Board of Education's districts.
- HB 1259 Ware County; Board of Education; revise districts**
By: Rep. James Burchett (176th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1259 revises the districts for the election of members of the Ware County Board of Education.
- HB 1260 Dougherty County; Board of Education; reconstitute and change description of districts**
By: Rep. Winfred Dukes (154th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1260 reconstitutes the Dougherty County Board of Education.
- HB 1261 Terrell County; Board of Commissioners; revise districts**
By: Rep. Gerald Greene (151st) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1261 revises the districts for the election of members of the Terrell County Board of Commissioners.
- HB 1262 Miller County; Board of Education; provide new district boundaries**
By: Rep. Winfred Dukes (154th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1262 provides new district boundaries for the Miller County Board of Education.
- HB 1263 Miller County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Winfred Dukes (154th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1263 changes the description of the Miller County Board of Commissioners' districts.
- HB 1264 Ware County; Board of Commissioners; change district boundaries**
By: Rep. James Burchett (176th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1264 changes the boundaries of the Ware County Board of Commissioners' districts.
- HB 1265 Clayton County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Rhonda Burnough (77th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1265 changes the description of the Clayton County Board of Commissioners' districts.

HB 1266 Randolph County; Board of Education; change description of districts*By: Rep. Gerald Greene (151st)**Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1266 changes the description of the Randolph County Board of Education's districts.

HB 1267 Randolph County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts*By: Rep. Gerald Greene (151st)**Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1267 changes the description of the Randolph County Board of Commissioners' districts.

HB 1268 Terrell County; Board of Education; revise districts*By: Rep. Gerald Greene (151st)**Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1268 revises the districts for the election of members of the Terrell County Board of Education.

HB 1269 Appling County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts*By: Rep. Steven Meeks (178th)**Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1269 changes the description of the Appling County Board of Commissioners' districts.

HB 1270 Atkinson County; Probate Court; authorize collection of technology fee*By: Rep. James Burchett (176th)**Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1270 authorizes the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Atkinson County Probate Court.

HB 1275 Local government; appointment and removal of municipal court judges; revise provisions*By: Rep. Bonnie Rich (97th)**Through the Judiciary Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1275 amends Chapter 32 of Title 36 of the Code to revise provisions concerning municipal courts and municipal court judges. The bill authorizes municipal corporations, both in consolidated and municipal governments, to appoint a qualified individual to serve for the remainder of an unexpired term created by a vacancy. The bill amends the Code section pertaining to removal of municipal court judges by requiring that a judge subject to removal proceedings be served by certified mail or overnight delivery with a petition for removal that states the cause(s) for termination in sufficient detail, the names of known witnesses, and a concise summary of the evidence to be used against the judge. The judge shall be entitled to counsel at the judge's expense and the hearing shall be recorded at the municipal corporation's expense. The chief judge of the relevant local superior court circuit shall appoint a senior superior or state court judge to preside at the removal hearing.

HB 1276 Community Health, Department of; statistical reports data relating to state health plans be posted on department website; require*By: Rep. Lee Hawkins (27th)**Through the Health & Human Services Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1276 requires the Department of Community Health to post on its website statistical reports with data relating to administered state health plans. Reports must include the number and type of enrolled providers; primary care providers per 1,000 people; hospital utilization and costs; membership and beneficiary enrollment data; prescription drug spending data; financial results by aid category; and long-term care data. Updates on the reports will be posted at least biannually.

HB 1283 Quality Basic Education Act; recess for students in kindergarten and grades one through five; provide*By: Rep. Demetrius Douglas (78th)**Through the Education Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1283 amends O.C.G.A. 20-2-323 to provide for recess every day for students in kindergarten and grades one through five beginning in the 2022-2023 School Year. Recess is not required

on any school day in which a student has had physical education or for other reasons. Each local education board shall establish written policies on recess.

HB 1284 Washington County; Board of Commissioners; revise member districts

By: Rep. Mack Jackson (128th)

Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1284 revises the districts for the election of members of the Washington County Board of Commissioners.

HB 1285 Muscogee County; Board of Education; change description of districts

By: Rep. Calvin Smyre (135th)

Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1285 changes the description of the education districts for the Muscogee County School District.

HB 1286 Washington County; Board of Education; revise member districts

By: Rep. Mack Jackson (128th)

Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1286 revises the districts for the election of members of the Washington County Board of Education.

HB 1287 Upson County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts

By: Rep. Beth Camp (131st)

Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1287 changes the description of the Upson County Board of Commissioners' districts.

HB 1291 Sales and use tax; exemption for sale or lease of computer equipment of high-technology companies; revise spending threshold and extend sunset date

By: Rep. Vance Smith (133rd)

Through the Ways & Means Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1291 amends O.C.G.A. 48-8-3, relating to exemptions from sales and use tax, by extending the sunset on the exemption for sales or leases of computer equipment to high-technology companies from June 30, 2023, to December 31, 2028, and modifying the exemption process. The bill removes the ability of the Department of Revenue to issue sales tax exemption certificates for computer equipment and replaces it with a requirement for companies to submit requests for refunds following the completion of the tax year. Companies are eligible for refunds, without interest, on all sales taxes paid on eligible computer equipment, with the exception of 10% of the first \$15 million of purchases. The bill also specifies that computers or devices issued to employees and prewritten software are not eligible expenses.

The bill further amends O.C.G.A. 48-8-3 by extending the sunset date for the sales tax exemption for high-technology data center equipment to be incorporated or used in a high-technology data center from December 31, 2028, to December 31, 2031, and revising new job creation and expenditure requirements. In counties with a population of greater than 50,000, the job creation requirement is increased from 20 to 25 quality jobs. In counties with a population between 30,000 and 50,000, the new job creation requirement is reduced from 20 to 10 quality jobs, and the expenditure requirement is reduced from \$150 million to \$75 million. In counties with a population of less than 30,000, the job creation requirement is reduced from 20 to 5 quality jobs, and the expenditure requirement is reduced from \$100 million to \$25 million.

HB 1292 Education; prohibit students who participate in 4-H sponsored activities or programs from being counted as absent from school

By: Rep. Rick Jasperse (11th)

Through the Education Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1292 prohibits students who participate in 4-H sponsored activities or programs from being counted as absent from school. The school principal or their designee may request documentation, as proof, from a 4-H representative.

- HB 1299 Elbert County; Probate Court judge also serves as chief magistrate judge of Magistrate Court; provide**
By: Rep. Rob Leverett (33rd) *Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1299 provides that the judge of the Elbert County Probate Court shall also serve as the chief magistrate judge of the Elbert County Magistrate Court.
- HB 1300 Jasper County; Water and Sewer Authority; revise membership**
By: Rep. Susan Holmes (129th) *Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1300 revises the membership of the Jasper County Water and Sewer Authority.
- HB 1302 Income tax; one-time tax credit for taxpayers who filed returns for both 2020 and 2021 taxable years; provide**
By: Rep. Josh Bonner (72nd) *Through the Ways & Means Committee*
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1302 adds 48-7-20.1, relating to income taxes, which provides a one-time income tax refund equal to the lesser of the taxpayer's 2020 income tax liability or \$250 for a taxpayer filing as single, \$375 for a taxpayer filing as head of household, or \$500 for a married couple filing a joint return. The refund is not available for non-resident alien individuals, individuals who were claimed as a dependent for the 2020 or 2021 tax years, nor estates or trusts. The refund is automatically credited once a taxpayer files an individual income tax return for 2021, and any refunds due shall be credited against outstanding income tax liability prior to being either electronically transmitted or sent by check to the taxpayer.
- HB 1303 Education; transition a pilot program for elementary agricultural education to an ongoing program**
By: Rep. Robert Dickey (140th) *Through the Education Committee*
Final Bill Summary: HB 1303 revises a pilot program for agricultural education in elementary schools to transition the pilot to an optional ongoing program. The Department of Education will provide a program evaluation to the House and Senate related committees by December 31, 2022.
- HB 1304 Georgia Caregivers Act; create**
By: Rep. Lee Hawkins (27th) *Through the Health & Human Services Committee*
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1304, the 'Georgia Caregivers Act,' allows inpatients to designate at least one caregiver to be involved in the patient's discharge planning process. The hospital will notify the caregiver of the patient's discharge, and failure to make contact will not interfere with appropriate medical care or discharge. The caregiver and patient will be actively engaged by the hospital in discharge planning tailored to the patient's aftercare needs.
- HB 1308 Insurance; allow plan sponsor to consent on behalf of an enrollee to electronic delivery of all communication**
By: Rep. Noel Williams (148th) *Through the Insurance Committee*
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1308 allows a sponsor of a health benefit plan to consent on behalf of an enrollee to the electronic delivery of all communications and identification cards related to the plan. Enrollees can opt out of electronic communications.
- HB 1311 Lanier County; Probate Court; authorize collection of technology fee**
By: Rep. James Burchett (176th) *Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1311 authorizes the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Lanier County Probate Court.
- HB 1312 Berrien County; Board of Education; provide compensation of members**
By: Rep. Penny Houston (170th) *Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1312 provides for the compensation of the Berrien County Board of Education. Members of the board shall be paid \$150 per meeting for up to two meetings per month.

- HB 1313 Atkinson County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts**
By: Rep. James Burchett (176th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1313 changes the description of the Atkinson County Board of Commissioners' districts.
- HB 1314 Upson County; Board of Education; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Beth Camp (131st) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: HB 1314 changes the description of the Upson County Board of Education's districts.
- HB 1315 Atkinson County; Board of Education; change description of districts**
By: Rep. James Burchett (176th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: HB 1315 changes the description of the Atkinson County Board of Education's districts.
- HB 1320 Revenue and taxation; Internal Revenue Code and Internal Revenue Code of 1986; define terms and incorporate certain provisions of federal law into Georgia law**
By: Rep. David Knight (130th) Through the Ways & Means Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1320 amends 48-1-2 of the Code, relating to income tax definitions, by providing an update to the definition of "Internal Revenue Code" to include the provisions of the 'Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act' signed by the president on November 15, 2021. The provisions include changes to which bonds qualify as tax-exempt bond financing, an extension of interest-rate smoothing for defined benefit plans, and expanding non-taxable contributions to capital to include contributions to the capital of the utility by a government entity providing for the protection, preservation, or enhancement of drinking water or sewage disposal services.
- HB 1323 Upson County; ad valorem tax for county purposes; provide homestead exemption**
By: Rep. Beth Camp (131st) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1323 provides a \$14,000 Upson County homestead exemption for county purposes for those who are 65 years of age and older.
- HB 1324 Health and insurance; clarify that the prudent layperson standard is not affected by the diagnoses given**
By: Rep. Beth Camp (131st) Through the Insurance Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1324 requires insurers to provide coverage for emergency physical or mental health care regardless of the diagnosis given.
- HB 1325 Upson County; ad valorem tax for county purposes; provide homestead exemption**
By: Rep. Beth Camp (131st) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1325 provides a \$22,000 Upson County homestead exemption for county purposes for those who are 62 years of age and older and disabled.
- HB 1326 Upson County; ad valorem tax for county purposes; provide homestead exemption**
By: Rep. Beth Camp (131st) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1326 provides a \$10,000 Upson County homestead exemption for county purposes for each resident of the county.
- HB 1327 Upson County; ad valorem tax for county purposes; provide homestead exemption**
By: Rep. Beth Camp (131st) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1327 provides a \$12,000 Upson County homestead exemption for county purposes for those who are 62 years of age and older.

- HB 1328 Upson County; school district ad valorem tax; provide homestead exemption**
By: Rep. Beth Camp (131st) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: HB 1328 increases an Upson County homestead exemption from \$10,000 to \$20,000 for each resident who is disabled and whose adjusted gross household income does not exceed \$20,000.
- HB 1331 State Employment Service and the Employment Security Administration Fund; change certain provisions**
By: Rep. Steven Meeks (178th) Through the Industry and Labor Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1331 allows the governor's designee to serve as the administrator of the State Employment Service program, the person responsible for fulfilling state duties under the federal 'Wagner-Peyser Act,' and the designee to the U.S. Department of Labor for purposes of the federal 'Wagner-Peyser Act'. Money in the Employment Security Administration Fund is available to the governor's designee, and any transfer from the fund by the commissioner of the Department of Labor will be made at the discretion of the governor's designee.
- HB 1335 Holidays and observances; provide for Public Safety Week**
By: Rep. Calvin Smyre (135th) Through the Rules Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1335 aligns Georgia Code with the federal holiday list to provide 13 state holidays and designates Public Safety Week in September each year.
- HB 1340 Glennville, City of; change description of wards**
By: Rep. William Werkheiser (157th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1340 changes the description of the city of Glennville's wards.
- HB 1341 Pike County; Board of Education; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Beth Camp (131st) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: HB 1341 changes the description of the Pike County Board of Education's districts.
- HB 1346 Courts; clerks of superior courts; provide for construction**
By: Rep. Mandi Ballinger (23rd) Through the Judiciary Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1346 permits clerks of superior courts, who would otherwise be prohibited from practicing law in his/her name, to serve as a judge advocate or any other role in an active duty or reserve component of the armed forces.
- HB 1349 Natural Resources, Dept. of; attempt to prevent net loss of land acreage available for hunting on state owned lands; extend date**
By: Rep. Jason Ridley (6th) Through the Game, Fish, & Parks Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1349 changes the qualifying date from July 1, 2005, to July 1, 2022, for land the Department of Natural Resources shall withhold from actions that result in the loss of state-owned acreage available for hunting.
- HB 1355 Childhood Lead Exposure Control Act; revise**
By: Rep. Katie Dempsey (13th) Through the Health & Human Services Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1355 updates several provisions relating to lead poisoning testing and remediation. The bill reduces the required blood level of lead that would prompt public health action from 20 to 3.5 micrograms per deciliter, which can be detected through a single venous blood test or two capillary blood tests taken within 12 weeks of each other.

- HB 1361 Civil practice; Attorney General is to be served and heard in defense of all Acts of the General Assembly when challenged in any court action; clarify**
By: Rep. Rob Leverett (33rd) Through the Judiciary Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1361 requires that if a General Assembly act is alleged to be unconstitutional or invalid in an action, the attorney general shall be served with a copy and shall be entitled to be heard in defense of the act, including appearing as a party if deemed appropriate by the attorney general.
- HB 1362 Irwin County; Board of Education; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Clay Pirkle (155th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: HB 1362 changes the description of the Irwin County Board of Education's districts.
- HB 1363 Macon County; Board of Education; revise member districts**
By: Rep. Patty Bentley (139th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1363 revises the districts for the election of members of the Macon County Board of Education.
- HB 1364 Cobb County; State Court; change compensation of judges**
By: Rep. Teri Anulewicz (42nd) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1364 changes the compensation of judges of the Cobb County State Court. The chief judge shall receive an additional compensation of \$10,168.55 per year, and the judges of Division 1 shall be paid \$194,905.60 per year.
- HB 1365 Coffee County; Board of Education; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Clay Pirkle (155th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: HB 1365 changes the description of the Coffee County Board of Education's districts.
- HB 1366 Macon County; Board of Commissioners; revise member districts**
By: Rep. Patty Bentley (139th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1366 revises the districts for the election of members of the Macon County Board of Commissioners.
- HB 1367 Walker County; Board of Education; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Steve Tarvin (2nd) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: HB 1367 changes the description of the Walker County Board of Education's districts.
- HB 1368 Miller County; Board of Elections and Registration; provide**
By: Rep. Winfred Dukes (154th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1368 provides for the creation of the Miller County Board of Elections and Registration.
- HB 1370 Liberty County; levy an excise tax**
By: Rep. Al Williams (168th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: HB 1370 authorizes the governing authority of Liberty County to levy an excise tax.
- HB 1372 Georgia Utility Facility Protection Act; revise provisions and short title**
By: Rep. Vance Smith (133rd) Through the Energy, Utilities & Telecommunications Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1372 revises the 'Georgia Utility Facility Protection Act' to enhance the processes for 'locate requests' of underground utility facilities or infrastructure and to require 9-1-1 to be contacted if an excavator damages a gas or hazardous liquid pipeline.

The bill states that all owners or operators that maintain underground facilities must participate as members of the Utilities Protection Center (UPC). An "underground facility" is defined as an underground fiber, conductor, pipe, or structure used to provide traffic control; traffic management; electric service; communications service; or carry gas, oil, sewage, wastewater, storm drainage, or other water or liquids. The bill requires all underground facilities, excluding sewer cleanouts and water meter boxes, to be located within the public right-of-way and in accordance to the specifications in the bill. Sewer cleanouts and water meter boxes that establish the exact location of an underground facility must be located within 10 feet of the public right-of-way to be considered a permanent marker of the related underground facility.

No person shall blast or excavate with mechanized equipment until the person has submitted a 'locate request' for underground facilities to the UPC. The 'locate request' must include a specific "effective date" when the requested blasting or excavating is expected to start, and the duration of time it is expected to take place. The 'locate request' must also include "appropriate notice", which is the expected effective date for the blasting or excavating to begin. The appropriate notice may not be less than two business days or more than eight business days.

Starting July 1, 2023, the Department of Transportation (DOT) shall participate in and cooperate with the UPC to receive 'locate requests' in DOT's right-of-ways. The DOT shall not participate in the funding of the UPC or its activities.

HB 1372 is effective on September 1, 2022.

HB 1374 City of Bloomington Community Improvement Districts Act; create

By: Rep. Ron Stephens (164th)

Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1374 provides for the creation of one or more community improvement districts in the city of Bloomington.

HB 1385 Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment Office; revise annexation reporting requirements

By: Rep. Victor Anderson (10th)

Through the Governmental Affairs Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1385 requires municipalities to notify the Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment Office of the General Assembly when annexing property, enlarging municipal corporation limits, and annexing unincorporated islands.

HB 1390 Labor and industrial relations; right of action against a county or city employer for retaliation; provide

By: Rep. Teri Anulewicz (42nd)

Through the Judiciary Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1390 provides a cause of action for individuals working for a local government if that local government (county, municipal, or consolidated) takes a work-related adverse reaction against the individual because that individual has opposed sexual harassment, filed a complaint related to sexual harassment, or participated or planned to participate in an action or proceeding related to sexual harassment.

HB 1391 Criminal procedure; compensation for public defenders and assistant public defenders; revise

By: Rep. Stan Gunter (8th)

Through the Judiciary Non-Civil Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1391 sets the salary of the circuit public defenders to the same salary as district attorneys. The maximum salary for an assistant public defender IV is raised to 95% of the circuit public defender salary.

HB 1397 Liberty County; Board of Education; change description of districts

By: Rep. Al Williams (168th)

Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1397 changes the description of the Liberty County Board of Education's districts.

- HB 1398 Covington, City of; ad valorem tax; municipal purposes; provide homestead exemption**
By: Rep. D. C. Belton (112th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: HB 1398 provides a \$10,000 homestead exemption from city of Covington taxes.
- HB 1399 Locust Grove, City of; ad valorem tax; municipal purposes; provide homestead exemption**
By: Rep. El-Mahdi Holly (111th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1399 provides a homestead exemption from city of Locust Grove municipal taxes for 100% of the assessed value of the homestead.
- HB 1405 The Zoning Procedures Law; revise**
By: Rep. Shea Roberts (52nd) Through the Governmental Affairs Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1405 revises the 'Zoning Procedures Law' to establish procedures and notice requirements for specified zoning hearings before quasi-judicial officers, boards, or agencies.
- HB 1407 Dawson, City of; increase terms of office for future mayors and councilmembers to four years**
By: Rep. Gerald Greene (151st) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1407 increases the terms of office for the future mayor and councilmembers of the city of Dawson.
- HB 1408 Shellman, City of; selection of mayor pro tempore; revise provisions**
By: Rep. Gerald Greene (151st) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1408 revises provisions relating to the selection of the mayor pro tempore of the city of Shellman.
- HB 1409 Labor and industrial relations; workers' compensation benefits; change certain provisions**
By: Rep. William Werkheiser (157th) Through the Industry and Labor Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1409 increases the maximum amount of benefits that an employee can receive under workers' compensation for temporary total disability to \$725 per week, and the maximum amount of benefits for temporary partial disability to \$483 per week. The maximum total compensation for the surviving spouse of an employee who died from injury is increased to \$290,000.
- HB 1411 Putnam County; State Court; district attorney shall represent the state in all criminal prosecutions and perform the duties of solicitor-general; provide**
By: Rep. Trey Rhodes (120th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1411 provides that on and after January 1, 2023, the district attorney of the judicial circuit within which Putnam County is located shall represent the state in all criminal prosecutions brought in the Putnam County State Court.
- HB 1412 Greene County; qualifications for participation in health insurance program; clarify**
By: Rep. Trey Rhodes (120th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1412 clarifies the qualifications for participation in the Greene County health insurance program.
- HB 1417 College Park, City of; ad valorem tax; municipal purposes; provide homestead exemption**
By: Rep. William Boddie (62nd) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1417 provides a city of College Park homestead exemption for the full assessed value of the homestead for those who are 65 years of age and older.

- HB 1418 Columbus, City of; tax for public health care purposes; authorize**
By: Rep. Calvin Smyre (135th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1418 authorizes a tax for public health care purposes for the Columbus-Muscogee County government.
- HB 1428 Code Revision Commission; revise, modernize, correct errors or omissions**
By: Rep. Chuck Efstrotation (104th) Through the Code Revision Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1428 is the annual Code revision clean-up bill to revise, modernize, and correct errors or omissions to the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. The bill reflects the work of the Code Revision Commission to repeal portions of the Code that are obsolete, declared unconstitutional, or preempted or superseded by subsequent laws. Lastly, the bill provides for other matters relating to revision, reenactment, and publication of the Code.
- HB 1430 Crisp County; Board of Education; reconstitute**
By: Rep. Noel Williams (148th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1430 reconstitutes the Crisp County Board of Education.
- HB 1431 City of Rincon Community Improvement Districts Act; enact**
By: Rep. Bill Hitchens (161st) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1431 provides for the creation of one or more community improvement districts in the city of Rincon.
- HB 1432 Dawson County; Board of Elections; provide for appointment of fifth member**
By: Rep. Will Wade (9th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1432 provides for the appointment of the fifth member of the Dawson County Board of Elections and Registration.
- HB 1433 Criminal Justice Coordinating Council; revise and update composition of advisory board**
By: Rep. Mandi Ballinger (23rd) Through the Judiciary Non-Civil Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1433 changes the composition of the advisory board to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to include the following: representatives of programs that advocate alternatives to incarceration; persons licensed or certified by the state with competence in preventing and addressing mental health and substance abuse issues in delinquent youth and at-risk youth; and representatives of victim or witness advocacy groups, including at least one individual with expertise in addressing the challenges of sexual abuse and exploitation and trauma.
- HB 1435 Education; needs based financial aid program; include eligibility for students with a financial aid gap**
By: Rep. Chuck Martin (49th) Through the Higher Education Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1435 amends O.C.G.A. 20-3-360 to include eligibility for a needs-based financial aid program for full and part-time undergraduate students with a financial aid gap. A "financial aid gap" is defined in the bill as the monetary amount remaining after other funding for the cost of attendance certified by a qualified institution. Qualified students are those who: have completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA); are eligible for a scholarship or grant; and have completed 80% of the credit requirements toward the credential of their study program. Qualified institutions include all schools in the University System of Georgia, Technical College System of Georgia, and non-proprietary institutions eligible for Tuition Equalization Grants. The bill clarifies the maximum award amount to be \$2,500 in total per each eligible student. HB 1435 has a sunset date of June 30, 2025.
- HB 1437 Income tax; revise rates of taxation on income**
By: Rep. Shaw Blackmon (146th) Through the Ways & Means Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1437, the 'Tax Reduction and Reform Act of 2022,' amends Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the O.C.G.A. by eliminating the personal income tax brackets and replacing them with a tax rate of

5.49%. The bill allows for future annual reductions of one-tenth of 1% until reaching 4.99% if: the governor's revenue estimate for the succeeding fiscal year is greater than 3% above the revenue estimate for the current fiscal year; the prior fiscal year's net revenue collection was higher than each of the preceding five fiscal years' net tax revenue collections; and the Revenue Shortfall Reserve contains a sum that exceeds the amount of the decrease in state funds projected to occur as a result of the reduction in the tax rate set to occur in the following year. HB 1437 eliminates the standard deductions of \$5,400 for single and head of household taxpayers and \$7,100 for married taxpayers filing a joint return, as well as the additional deductions of \$1,300 for taxpayers over the age of 65 or blind. The bill increases the personal exemptions from \$2,700 to \$12,000 for single and head of household taxpayers and from \$7,400 to \$18,500 for married taxpayers filing a joint return. The personal exemption for married taxpayers filing a joint return increases to \$20,000 for 2026, \$22,000 for 2028, and \$24,000 for 2030. The bill also increases the amount of earned income allowed to be included in the retirement income exemption from \$4,000 to \$5,000 and caps the amount of state and local taxes allowed to be deducted at \$10,000.

On or before May 1, 2023, the House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Committee on Finance are to undertake a thorough joint review of all state tax credits, deductions, and exemptions. No later than December 1, 2023, the committees must submit a report of their findings and recommendations to the presiding officers of the chambers.

HB 1441 Professions and businesses; exempt a certified peace officer employed as an independent contractor from certain requirements

By: Rep. J. Collins (68th)

Through the Regulated Industries Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1441, relating to operators of private detective and security businesses, removes the requirement that licensees certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council (POST) must also obtain a license to serve as a guard, watchman, or patrolman.

HB 1443 Mobile food service establishments; operate in county of origin or other counties without an additional permit; provide

By: Rep. Houston Gaines (117th)

Through the Agriculture & Consumer Affairs Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1443 allows for a mobile food establishment that is permitted in one county to operate in other counties in the state. To do so, the establishment must both submit a copy of a permit from the county of origin to the outside county of operation as well as await the outside county's board of health to verify that the permit is in good standing with the Georgia Department of Public Health. The outside county may reject the establishment's permit if the permit is not in good standing with the county of origin. A mobile food service establishment must renew its permit annually in the county of origin and provide the renewed permit to any outside counties within which it operates.

Outside counties may conduct periodic and unannounced inspections on any mobile food service establishment with a permit from another county. If an establishment fails an inspection, the outside county may both notify the county of origin, or any other county within which the establishment is permitted, as well as levy a fine or terminate the permit. Any fees for inspections shall be paid by the next business day and failure to do so will result in termination of a permit in that county.

The Department of Public Health may establish rules and regulations regarding mobile food service establishments, including an expedited permit process.

HB 1444 Coweta Judicial Circuit; Superior Court; change supplemental salaries for judges

By: Rep. Randy Nix (69th)

Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1444 changes the supplemental salaries of the judges of the Coweta Judicial Circuit. Carroll County shall pay \$18,000 per year per judge; Coweta County shall pay \$17,000 per year per judge; Heard County shall pay \$2,000 per year per judge; Meriwether County shall pay \$3,500 per year per judge; and Troup County shall pay \$9,500 per year per judge.

HB 1445 Long County; Board of Commissioners; revise provisions for staggering of terms of office

By: Rep. Buddy DeLoach (167th)

Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1445 revises provisions for staggering the terms of office for the Long County Board of Commissioners.

HB 1446 Brookhaven, City of; levy an excise tax*By: Rep. Matthew Wilson (80th)**Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1446 repeals provisions regarding expenditure of funds relating to the city of Brookhaven's authorization to levy an excise tax.

HB 1447 Grovetown, City of; Redevelopment Powers Law; provide for a referendum*By: Rep. Barry Fleming (121st)**Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1447 authorizes the city of Grovetown to exercise all redevelopment powers found in Code and the Georgia Constitution.

HB 1452 Domestic relations; dating violence protective orders; revise a definition*By: Rep. Houston Gaines (117th)**Through the Judiciary Non-Civil Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1452 changes dating relationship protective orders so that the definition of "dating violence" includes those who were in a relationship within the last 12 months rather than the current six-month timeframe.

HB 1461 Local government; annexation of territory; revise provisions relating to dispute resolution*By: Rep. Victor Anderson (10th)**Through the Governmental Affairs Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1461 requires a municipal corporation to provide notice of a petition of annexation to any impacted school system. The bill provides proposed annexation objection and arbitration guidelines and procedures for impacted school systems and county governing authorities.

HB 1463 Dougherty County; levy an excise tax*By: Rep. Gerald Greene (151st)**Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1463 authorizes the governing authority of Dougherty County to levy an excise tax.

HB 1465 Mitchell County; Board of Education; change education districts*By: Rep. Joe Campbell (171st)**Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1465 changes the Mitchell County Board of Education's districts.

HB 1466 Dougherty County; Magistrate Court; impose and collect county law library fees*By: Rep. Gerald Greene (151st)**Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1466 authorizes the Dougherty County Magistrate Court to impose and collect county law library fees.

HB 1469 Jefferson, City of; fully replace current charter*By: Rep. Tommy Benton (31st)**Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1469 fully replaces the current charter of the city of Jefferson.

HB 1470 Gilmer County; levy an excise tax*By: Rep. David Ralston (7th)**Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*

Final Bill Summary: HB 1470 authorizes the governing authority of Gilmer County to levy an excise tax.

HB 1471 Stephens County; Board of Education; revise districts*By: Rep. Chris Erwin (28th)**Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1471 revises the districts for the election of members of the Stephens County Board of Education.

- HB 1472 Kennesaw, City of; corporate limits; change provisions**
By: Rep. Devan Seabaugh (34th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1472 changes the provisions relating to the corporate limits of the city of Kennesaw.
- HB 1475 Elbert County; board of elections and registration; create**
By: Rep. Rob Leverett (33rd) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1475 creates the Elbert County Board of Elections and Registration.
- HB 1476 Colbert, City of; staggered, four-year terms for the mayor and councilmembers; revise provisions**
By: Rep. Rob Leverett (33rd) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1476 revises provisions regarding staggered, four-year terms of office for the mayor and councilmembers of the city of Colbert.
- HB 1481 Motor vehicles; standards for issuance of dealer license plates; provide**
By: Rep. Rick Jasperse (11th) Through the Motor Vehicles Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1481 provides guidelines for allocating specified plates to motor vehicle dealers.
- HB 1488 Pelham, City of; Board of Education; composition; revise provisions**
By: Rep. Joe Campbell (171st) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1488 revises provisions relating to the composition and elections of the Pelham Board of Education.
- HB 1492 Milton, City of; senior homestead exemption; modify maximum income**
By: Rep. Jan Jones (47th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1492 modifies the maximum income for a city of Milton senior homestead exemption. Each resident who is 70 years or older is granted an exemption from city taxes for the full value of the homestead. The exemption is granted if the household income does not exceed the greater of \$100,000 or the maximum amount that may be received by an individual and a spouse under the federal 'Social Security Act' for the preceding year.
- HB 1493 Milton, City of; senior homestead exemption; increase**
By: Rep. Jan Jones (47th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1493 increases the amount of a city of Milton senior homestead exemption. Each resident of the city who is 65 years or older is granted an exemption from city taxes in the amount of \$25,000.
- HB 1495 Seminole County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Winfred Dukes (154th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1495 changes the description of the Seminole County Board of Commissioners' districts.
- HB 1497 Milton, City of; homestead exemption for citizens age 65 years or older meeting certain income requirements; repeal**
By: Rep. Jan Jones (47th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1497 repeals a homestead exemption for citizens of the city of Milton.

- HB 1507 Paulding County; School District; residents 65 years or older shall be exempt from ad valorem taxation for education purposes**
By: Rep. Martin Momtahan (17th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1507 amends a Paulding County School District homestead exemption by providing a 50% exemption on the assessed value of a homestead for residents who are 65 years of age and older and completely exempts those residents from ad valorem taxation for education purposes levied to pay interest on or to retire school bond indebtedness.
- HB 1509 Chatham County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Carl Gilliard (162nd) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1509 changes the description of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners' districts.
- HB 1510 Savannah, City of; Chatham County; Board of Education; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Carl Gilliard (162nd) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1510 changes the description of the education districts of Chatham County.
- HB 1516 Georgia Music Hall of Fame Authority; provide for definitions; provisions**
By: Rep. Houston Gaines (117th) Through the Creative Arts & Entertainment Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1516 repeals provisions for joint operations between the Georgia Music Hall of Fame and the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame and instead allows for joint operations between the Georgia Music Hall of Fame Authority and the Classic Center Authority.
- HB 1529 Atlantic Judicial Court; minimum supplement each county shall provide to the judges of the superior court; provide**
By: Rep. Al Williams (168th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1529 provides the minimum monthly supplement for the superior court judges in the Atlantic Judicial Circuit. Bryan County shall pay at least \$900; Evans County shall pay at least \$300; Liberty County shall pay at least \$1,500; Long County shall pay at least \$350; McIntosh County shall pay at least \$400; and Tattnall County shall pay at least \$600.
- HB 1535 Grady County Lake Authority; provide certain purposes**
By: Rep. Darlene Taylor (173rd) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1535 provides that the development of trade, commerce, industry, and employment opportunities are additional purposes of the Grady County Lake Authority.
- HB 1536 Chattahoochee County Transportation Authority; add Harris County and Unified Government of Cusseta-Chattahoochee County**
By: Rep. Gerald Greene (151st) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1536 adds Harris County and Cusseta-Chattahoochee County to the Lower Chattahoochee Regional Transportation Authority.
- HB 1537 Cobb County; State Court; chief deputy clerk and clerk; change salary**
By: Rep. Devan Seabaugh (34th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: HB 1537 changes the salary of the chief deputy clerk and the clerk of the Cobb County State Court. The chief deputy clerk shall be paid \$110,641.87, and the clerk shall be paid \$122,935.06.
- HB 1538 Smyrna, City of; annexation of certain territory into city boundaries; provide**
By: Rep. Teri Anulewicz (42nd) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1538 provides for the annexation of territory into the boundaries of the city of Smyrna.

- HB 1539 Waycross Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority; add two additional directors**
By: Rep. James Burchett (176th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1539 adds two additional directors to the Waycross Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority.
- HB 1540 Cobb County; office of tax commissioner; change compensation of commissioner and certain employees**
By: Rep. Erick Allen (40th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1540 changes the compensation of the Cobb County tax commissioner and certain employees of the tax commissioner's office. The tax commissioner shall receive a supplement not to exceed \$32,433, and the chief clerk shall receive an annual salary of \$135,129. The executive secretary and the administrative specialist salaries shall not exceed \$71,111.
- HB 1541 Cobb County; Probate Court; change compensation of sheriff, chief deputy and others**
By: Rep. Erick Allen (40th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1541 changes the compensation of the sheriff, chief deputy, assistant chief deputy, and executive assistant to the sheriff of Cobb County. The sheriff's salary shall not exceed \$170,000, and the chief deputy's salary shall not exceed \$159,665. The assistant chief deputy's salary shall not exceed \$155,067, and the executive assistant's salary shall not exceed \$83,261.
- HB 1550 Bryan County; board of elections and registration; add two members**
By: Rep. Ron Stephens (164th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1550 adds two members to the Bryan County Board of Elections and Registration.
- HB 1551 Pike County School District; increase exemptions for residents age 62 or older and provide new exemption for residents age 70 or older**
By: Rep. Beth Camp (131st) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1551 increases a Pike County School District homestead exemption for residents who are 62 years of age and older and provides for a new exemption for residents who are 70 years and older.
- HB 1552 Union City Public Facilities Authority Act; enact**
By: Rep. Derrick Jackson (64th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1552 creates the Union City Public Facilities Authority.
- HB 1556 Fulton County; ad valorem tax for educational purposes; provide homestead exemption**
By: Rep. Chuck Martin (49th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1556 provides a \$10,000 homestead exemption from Fulton County School District taxes for residents who are older than 65 years of age.
- HB 1557 Paulding County; Board of Commissions; provide office of county manager**
By: Rep. Micah Gravley (67th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1557 provides for the duties, powers, and role of the county manager of Paulding County.
- HB 1558 Columbus, City of; city council; revise districts of members**
By: Rep. Calvin Smyre (135th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1558 revises the districts for the election of members of the Columbus-Muscogee City Council.

HB 1561 Macon County; Board of Education; revise compensation*By: Rep. Patty Bentley (139th)**Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1561 revises the compensation of the Macon County Board of Education. Each member shall receive \$300 for each day of attendance at meetings of the board and while meeting or traveling on official business authorized by the majority of the board.

HB 1562 Gilmer County; Probate Court; authorize assessment and collection of a technology fee*By: Rep. David Ralston (7th)**Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1562 authorizes the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Gilmer County Probate Court.

HB 1564 Wheeler County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts*By: Rep. Robert Pruitt (149th)**Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1564 changes the description of the election districts of the Wheeler County Board of Commissioners.

HB 1565 Savannah Development and Renewal Authority; members; revise provisions*By: Rep. Derek Mallow (163rd)**Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1565 revises provisions relating to the appointment of members to the Savannah Development and Renewal Authority.

HB 1566 Berrien County; Probate Court; authorize assessment and collection of a technology fee*By: Rep. Penny Houston (170th)**Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1566 authorizes the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Berrien County Probate Court.

HB 1567 Dade County; Board of Education; change description of districts*By: Rep. Mike Cameron (1st)**Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*

Final Bill Summary: HB 1567 changes the description of the Dade County Board of Education's districts.

HB 1568 Walton County Public Facilities Authority Act; enact*By: Rep. Bruce Williamson (115th)**Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1568 creates the Walton County Public Facilities Authority.

HB 1570 Gwinnett County; State Court; provide for an additional judge*By: Rep. Chuck Efstrotation (104th)**Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1570 provides an additional judge for the Gwinnett County State Court.

HB 1572 Sumter County; board of elections and registration; provide compensation of members in certain circumstances*By: Rep. Mike Cheokas (138th)**Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1572 provides that the members of the Sumter County Board of Elections and Registration shall receive no compensation for their services, except as authorized by written resolution of the Sumter County Board of Commissioners.

HB 1573 Worth County Building Authority Act; enact*By: Rep. Bill Yearta (152nd)**Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1573 creates the Worth County Building Authority.

- HB 1574 Cairo, City of; city council; change description of districts**
By: Rep. Darlene Taylor (173rd) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1574 changes the description of the Cairo City Council's districts.
- HB 1575 Flovilla, City of; City of Jackson; City of Jenkinsburg; Butts County; Water and Sewer Authority; increase size and reconstitute members**
By: Rep. Clint Crowe (110th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1575 increases the size and reconstitutes the members of the Butts County, City of Flovilla, City of Jackson, and City of Jenkinsburg Water and Sewer Authority.
- HB 1578 Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit; chief judge; provide for designation**
By: Rep. Trey Rhodes (120th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1578 provides for the designation of the chief judge of the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit.
- HB 1579 Woodland, City of; provide new charter**
By: Rep. Debbie Buckner (137th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1579 provides a new charter for the city of Woodland.
- HB 1581 Varnell, City of; change corporate boundaries**
By: Rep. Jason Ridley (6th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1581 changes the corporate boundaries of the city of Varnell.
- HB 1582 Dallas, City of; municipal court; authorize assessment and collection of a technology fee**
By: Rep. Martin Momtahan (17th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1582 authorizes the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Dallas Municipal Court.
- HB 1583 Dallas, City of; levy an excise tax**
By: Rep. Martin Momtahan (17th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1583 authorizes the governing authority of the city of Dallas to levy an excise tax.
- HB 1584 Dallas, City of; Redevelopment Powers Law; establish tax allocation districts**
By: Rep. Martin Momtahan (17th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1584 authorizes the city of Dallas to exercise all redevelopment powers found in the Georgia Constitution and Code.
- HB 1585 Cherokee County; State Court; modify compensation of judges**
By: Rep. Wesley Cantrell (22nd) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1585 modifies the compensation of the Cherokee County State Court's judges. Each judge shall receive annual compensation equal to 95% of the base salary paid to a judge of the Cherokee County Superior Court, plus 95% of the county supplement paid to a judge of the superior court.
- HB 1592 Long County Building and Public Facilities Authority Act; enact**
By: Rep. Buddy DeLoach (167th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1592 creates the Long County Building and Public Facilities Authority.

- HB 1593 Jackson, City of; provide for a city manager**
By: Rep. Clint Crowe (110th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1593 provides for a city manager for the city of Jackson.
- HB 1595 Fayette County; State Court; change compensation of judge and solicitor**
By: Rep. Josh Bonner (72nd) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1595 changes the compensation of the Fayette County State Court judge to receive an amount equal to 90% of the base salary of a judge of the superior courts of the state, plus 90% of the supplement paid to superior court judges of the Griffin Judicial Circuit.
- HB 1596 Fayette County; State Court; authorize assessment and collection of a technology fee**
By: Rep. Josh Bonner (72nd) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1596 authorizes the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Fayette County State Court.
- HB 1597 Canton, City of; provide new charter**
By: Rep. Mandi Ballinger (23rd) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1597 provides a new charter for the city of Canton.
- HB 1598 Guyton, City of; provide new charter**
By: Rep. Jon Burns (159th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1598 provides a new charter for the city of Guyton.
- HB 1600 Flemington, City of; levy an excise tax**
By: Rep. Al Williams (168th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1600 authorizes the city of Flemington to levy an excise tax.
- HB 1601 Echols County; Board of Commissioners; increase size**
By: Rep. John Corbett (174th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1601 increases the size of the Echols County Board of Commissioners.
- HB 1603 Sylvester, City of; Public Facilities Authority; revise definition of "project"**
By: Rep. Bill Yearta (152nd) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1601 increases the size of the Echols County Board of Commissioners.
- HB 1604 Adel, City of; change corporate limits**
By: Rep. Penny Houston (170th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1604 changes the corporate limits of the city of Adel.
- HB 1605 Claxton, City of; powers and election of the mayor and city council; restate and revise provisions**
By: Rep. William Werkheiser (157th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1605 revises provisions relating to the powers and election of the mayor and city council of Claxton.
- HB 1606 Houston County; Probate Court; authorize assessment and collection of a technology fee**
By: Rep. Heath Clark (147th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1606 authorizes the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Houston County Probate Court.

- HB 1607 Taylor County; ad valorem tax for educational purposes; provide homestead exemption**
By: Rep. Patty Bentley (139th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: HB 1607 provides a homestead exemption from Taylor County school taxes in the amounts of 10% of the assessed value of the homestead for residents who are 70 to 74 years of age; 15% for residents who are between 75 and 79 years of age; and 20% for residents who are 80 years of age or older.
- HR 204 Judge Willie J. Lovett, Jr. Juvenile Justice Center; City of Savannah; dedicate**
By: Rep. Carl Gilliard (162nd) Through the State Properties Committee
Final Bill Summary: HR 204 dedicates the Department of Juvenile Justice's Savannah Regional Youth Detention Center in Savannah, Georgia as the Judge Willie J. Lovett, Jr. Juvenile Justice Center.
- HR 467 Georgia Department of Transportation; study potential costs and benefits of extending Interstate 185 and extending and expanding Georgia 300; urge**
By: Rep. Gerald Greene (151st) Through the Transportation Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Resolution 467 urges the Georgia Department of Transportation to study the potential costs and benefits of extending Interstate 185 along U.S. 27 until it meets the Florida state line. The resolution also urges the study of the costs and benefits of extending Georgia 300 through Albany and expanding the route into four or more lanes in accordance with interstate standards.
- HR 593 Perry, Mr. Dennis Arnold; compensate**
By: Rep. Don Hogan (179th) Through the Appropriations Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Resolution 593 authorizes the Department of Administrative Services to pay \$1,230,000 to Dennis Arnold Perry as compensation for his wrongful conviction. After an initial payment of \$307,500, the remainder shall be paid in the form of a 20-year annuity. All payments are exempt from state income tax and shall continue to be paid to Dennis Arnold Perry's estate upon his death.
- HR 594 County and municipal governing authorities; grant temporary tax relief to properties severely damaged or destroyed as a result of a disaster and located within a nationally declared disaster area; provide - CA**
By: Rep. Lynn Smith (70th) Through the Ways & Means Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Resolution 594 amends Article VII, Section I of the Constitution by authorizing the governing authority of each county, municipality, and consolidated government and the board of education of each independent and county school system in this state to grant temporary tax relief to properties that are severely damaged or destroyed as a result of a natural disaster and that are located within a nationally declared disaster area. The resolution also includes the required ballot language to ratify this amendment.
- HR 625 State of Georgia; establish Georgia Gullah Geechee Heritage Society; encourage**
By: Rep. Carl Gilliard (162nd) Through the Special Rules Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Resolution 625 encourages the State of Georgia to establish a Georgia Gullah Geechee Heritage Society. The resolution recognizes the tradition of the Gullah Geechee culture such as the history, music, dance, and other art forms.
- HR 626 Robinson, Kerry; compensate**
By: Rep. Scott Holcomb (81st) Through the Appropriations Committee
Final Bill Summary: House Resolution 626 authorizes the Department of Administrative Services to pay \$480,000 to Kerry Robinson as compensation for his wrongful conviction. After an initial payment of \$120,000, the remainder shall be paid in the form of a 20-year annuity. All payments are exempt from state income tax and shall continue to be paid to Kerry Robinson's estate upon his death.

HR 650 House Study Committee on Literacy Instruction; create**By: Rep. Matthew Gambill (15th) Through the Education Committee**

Final Bill Summary: House Resolution 650 creates the House Study Committee on Literacy Instruction. The committee consists of five members of the House of Representatives and nine non-legislative members who are tasked with determining the definition of evidence-based instruction, the impact of low literacy on Georgia's economic and workforce competitiveness, and the extent of different programs in Georgia that work in birth through retirement literacy instruction. Additionally, the committee shall examine how programs that utilize evidence-based literacy instruction can adapt as new evidence emerges, examine changes that should be made to educational standards to support evidence-based instruction; and determine how the state can best support local educational ecosystems. The committee is abolished on December 1, 2022.

HR 664 Property; conveyance of certain state owned property; authorize**By: Rep. Gerald Greene (151st) Through the State Properties Committee**

Final Bill Summary: House Resolution 664 is a conveyance resolution for properties located in eight counties, conveying property owned by the State of Georgia or amending those conveyances, as follows:

Article 1 conveys approximately 13.943 acres located in Carroll County, under the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia, by competitive bid for fair market value or to a local government or state entity for fair market value.

Article 2 conveys approximately 0.045 acres located in Carroll County, under the custody of the Department of Public Safety, to Carroll County for consideration of \$10 for title clearing purposes.

Article 3 amends the lease between the State of Georgia, under the custody of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities and Coastal Center for Developmental Services, Inc., over approximately 2.232 acres in Chatham County for an additional 50-year term under the same terms and conditions as the current lease for the consideration of \$1,000 annually.

Article 4 conveys approximately 1.82 acres in Chatham County, under the custody of the Department of Agriculture, to Garden City for a consideration of \$10.

Article 5 surpluses approximately one acre in DeKalb County, being a portion of Panola Road Park-and Ride, under the custody of the State Road and Tollway Authority, by competitive bid for fair market value or to a local government or state entity for fair market value.

Article 6 leases approximately 119.25 acres in Fulton County, under the custody of the Department of Public Safety, to the Justice Federal Credit Union at a fair market rate for a three-year term, with an option for an additional three-year term.

Article 7 surpluses approximately 0.926 of an acre of improved property in Hall County, under the custody of the Department of Agriculture, commonly known as the Gainesville District Office, by competitive bid for fair market value or to a local government or state entity for fair market value.

Article 8 conveys approximately 15 acres in Hall County, under the custody of the Department of Driver Services and the Department of Community Supervision, to Mar-Jac Poultry, Inc for the consideration of exchange of a like or better property.

Article 9 conveys approximately 16 acres in Lumpkin County, under the custody of the Department of Natural Resources, to Lumpkin County for a consideration of \$10.

Article 10 amends the existing ground lease of approximately 0.015 of an acre in Rabun County, under the custody of the Department of Natural Resources, to add two 10-year renewal options, while maintaining the existing terms of \$16,337.82 annual base rent with an escalation of 3% compounded annually and additional rent of 25% of annual gross revenue generated by any subleases.

Article 11 leases approximately 0.057 of an acre in Rabun County, under the custody of the Department of Natural Resources, to Southern Communications Services, Inc. for a period of five years with two five-year renewal options for fair market value.

Article 12 conveys approximately 50.08 acres of improved property in Sumter County, under the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice, commonly known as the Sumter Youth Development Center, to Sumter County Board of Commissioners for \$10, so long as the property is used for a public purpose in perpetuity, and

the Sumter County Board of Commissioners does not take, nor fail to take, any action that would cause any outstanding tax-exempt bonds to be deemed private activity bonds or arbitrage bonds under the tax Code and does not use the above-described property for any non-governmental purpose, or any purpose that would give rise to private business use within the meaning of the tax Code, any of which cause a reversion to the State of Georgia.

HR 683 Property; granting of nonexclusive easements; authorize

By: Rep. Gerald Greene (151st)

Through the State Properties Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Resolution 683 authorizes the granting of non-exclusive easements for the construction, operation, and maintenance of facilities, utilities, roads, and ingress and egress in, on, over, under, upon, across, or through property owned by the state of Georgia in the counties of Bartow, Douglas, Emanuel, Fulton, Gilmer, Gwinnett, Haralson, Paulding, Sumter, and Thomas as follows:

Article 1 grants an easement to Georgia Power Company or its successors and assigns over approximately 0.15 of an acre in Bartow County under the custody of the Department of Economic Development to construct, install, operate, and maintain underground distribution line, and associated equipment at the Toyo Tire Facility, to serve two separate electric vehicle charging stations for fair market value not less than \$650.

Article 2 grants an easement to Douglasville-Douglas County Water and Sewer Authority or its successors and assigns over approximately 0.14 of an acre in Douglas County under the custody of the Department of Natural Resources for stormwater culvert repair for the benefit of Sweetwater Creek State Park for \$10.

Article 3 grants an easement to Georgia Power Company or its successors and assigns approximately 0.28 of an acre in Emanuel County under the custody of the Department of Corrections to construct, install, operate, and maintain overhead and underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment to serve the Emanuel Women's Facility for \$10.

Article 4 grants an easement to the Georgia Power Company or its successors and assigns over approximately 0.48 of an acre in Fulton County under the custody of the Department of Public Safety to remove existing facilities and construct, install, operate, and maintain overhead and underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment to serve the new Public Safety Headquarters Building (DPS-043) for \$10.

Article 5 grants an easement to the City of Atlanta or its successors and assigns over approximately 0.13 of an acre in Fulton County under the custody of the Department of Economic Development for stormwater culvert upgrades to increase drainage capacity to serve the Georgia World Congress Center for \$10.

Article 6 grants an easement to the Georgia Power Company or its successors and assigns over approximately 0.010 of an acre in Gilmer County under the custody of the Department of Agriculture to construct, install, operate, and maintain underground distribution lines, and associated equipment at the Ellijay Farmers Market, for their Grid Investment Plan for \$9,350.

Article 7 grants an easement to the Atlanta Gas Light Company or its successors and assigns over approximately 0.26 of an acre in Gwinnett County under the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia to construct, install, operate, and maintain underground natural gas lines and associated equipment to serve Gwinnett Technical College, Building 100 renovations and addition (TCSG-361) for \$10.

Article 8 grants an easement to the Georgia Power Company or its successors and assigns over approximately 10 acres in Gwinnett County under the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia to construct, install, operate, and maintain overhead and underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment to serve Gwinnett Technical College, Building 100 renovations and addition (TCSG-361) for \$10.

Article 9 grants an easement to Georgia Power Company or its successors and assigns over approximately 0.42 of an acre in Haralson County under the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia to construct, install, operate, and maintain remote-controlled, motor-operated switches to serve the Waco Substation to efficiently and quickly restore services to the West Georgia Technical College campus for \$10.

Article 10 grants an easement to the GreyStone Power Corporation or its successors and assigns over approximately 0.34 of an acre in Paulding County under the custody of the Department of Natural Resources to construct, install, operate, and maintain underground power lines and associated equipment at Sheffield Forest Wildlife Management Area to serve an adjacent property owner for fair market value not less than \$650.

Article 11 grants an easement to the Georgia Power Company or its successors and assigns over approximately 12.78 acres in Sumter County under the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia to construct,

install, operate, and maintain overhead and underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment to serve South Georgia Technical College, CDL Facility and Improvements (TCSG-360) for \$10.
Article 12 grants an easement to Sumter County Schools or its successors and assigns over approximately 0.3 of an acre under the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia to construct, install, operate, and maintain an underground sewer line at South Georgia Technical College to serve the new Sumter County High School for fair market value not less than \$650.

Article 13 grants an easement to various public utility companies in an approximate 56-foot wide utility easement area in Thomas County under the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice to construct, install, operate, and maintain overhead and underground utilities and associated equipment to serve Loftiss Regional Youth Detention Center for \$10.

HR 798 Joint Study Committee for Cannabis Waste Disposal and Recycling; create

By: Rep. Mesha Mainor (56th) Through the Regulated Industries Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Resolution 798 creates a House study committee to study the waste created from products related to medical cannabis and potential uses and value of that waste in producing renewable energy. The study committee consists of five members of the House of Representatives and shall stand abolished on December 1, 2022.

HR 820 James J. Boss Memorial Roundabout; Barrow County; dedicate

By: Rep. Terry England (116th) Through the Transportation Committee

Final Bill Summary: HR 820 is the annual road facility dedication package and includes the following dedications:

HR 820, dedicating the intersection of State Route 211 and Old Hog Mountain/Covered Bridge Road in Barrow County as the James J. Boss Memorial Roundabout;

HR 572, dedicating the portion of State Route 139 from Church Street to State Route 85 in Clayton County as the Gold Star Fathers of Georgia Highway;

HR 573, dedicating the portion of State Route 54 from the Clayton/Fayette line to U.S. 41 in Clayton County as the Arnold Fountain Professional Club Highway;

HR 574, dedicating the bridge on State Route 70 at Interstate 285 in Fulton County as the Rev. Joseph Jones Sr. and Darnella Jones Memorial Bridge;

HR 582, dedicating the portion of State Route 372 from Ball Ground Highway to Interstate 575 in Cherokee and Pickens counties as the Roger William Cavender Memorial Highway;

HR 628, dedicating the intersection of State Route 78 and Oak Drive in Gwinnett County as the SPC Etienne J. Murphy Memorial Intersection;

HR 649, dedicating the intersection of State Route 1/U.S. 27 and Little Texas Valley Road in Floyd County as the Judge Larry Salmon Memorial Intersection;

HR 668, dedicating the interchange of Interstate 575 at Exit 11 in Cherokee County as the Joseph W. Burson Memorial Bridge;

HR 685, dedicating the State Route 11/Social Circle Bypass bridge at the Little River in Walton County as the Sgt. James Terry Savage Memorial Bridge;

HR 706, dedicating the bridge on State Route 109 over Gola Creek in Pike County as the Rex J. Yerkes Memorial Bridge;

HR 708, dedicating the portion of State Route 53 from the Hall/Forsyth County line to Little Hall Road in Hall County as the Officer Bobbie Sue Hoenie Memorial Highway;

HR 757, dedicating the portion of State Route 26 from mile marker 15 to mile marker 16 in Marion County as the Memorial Mile for Sheriff Horace Irving Snider;

HR 771, dedicating the intersection of State Route 8 and State Route 378/Beaver Ruin Road in Gwinnett

County as the SPC Adam L. Harrell Memorial Intersection;

HR 818, dedicating the intersection at State Route 48 and State Route 157 in Chattooga County as the Bobby Lee Cook Memorial Intersection;

HR 819, dedicating the bridge on State Route 51 over the Middle Fork Broad River in Franklin County as the Fred Pulliam Memorial Bridge;

HR 821, dedicating the portion of State Route 211 from the intersection of Old Hog Mountain Road/Covered Bridge Road to the Little Mulberry River Bridge in Barrow County as the Seixas Milner Memorial Highway;

HR 897, dedicating the portion of State Route 144 from mile marker 6 to mile marker 11 in Tattnall County as the Quinton Rush Highway;

HR 620, providing a spelling correction to an existing dedication for the Charlie D. Rogers Memorial Highway WW II - US Navy;

HR 621, providing a title to an existing dedication for the Hugh L. Moore Memorial Bridge, WW II MIA Purple Heart Recipient;

SR 648, dedicating the intersection of State Route 54 and Ebenezer Road in Fayette County as the Ronald Davis Memorial Intersection;

SR 649, dedicating the intersection of U.S. 19 and Old Zebulon Road in Pike County as the Jerry C. Colwell Memorial Intersection;

SR 665, dedicating the portion of State Route 120/Dallas Highway from John Ward Road to Barrett Parkway in Cobb County as the C.W. and Myrtle Matthews Memorial Highway;

SR 684, dedicating the portion of State Route 155 from Commerce Place to College Street in Henry County as the Joeann Compton Highway;

SR 682, dedicating the interchange of Interstate 75 at Bethlehem Road (GDOT Project #0017182) in Henry County as the Cheri Hobson-Matthews and Andrew Jackson Welch III Interchange;

SR 742, dedicating the bridge on State Route 100 over the Tallapoosa River in Haralson County as the Sammy Robinson Bridge;

SR 749, dedicating the bridge on State Route 54 over the Flint River near Thomas Road in Clayton County as the Jesse Thomas Blalock Bridge;

SR 752, dedicating the intersection of State Route 71 and Wolfe Street/Old Dalton Cleveland Highway in Whitfield County as the Ethel Oliver "Granny" Rogers Memorial Intersection; and

Unnumbered SR, dedicating the intersection of State Route 341 and Lee Clarkson Road in Walker County as the Senator Jeff Mullis Intersection.

HR 822 Georgia's opposition to shark fin trade; state

By: Rep. Ron Stephens (164th)

Through the Game, Fish, & Parks Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Resolution 822 states the House of Representatives' opposition to the practice of shark finning and its support for requiring standards for importers of shark fins that are equal to or stricter than those imposed by the United States.

HR 881 Public schools; study Civil Rights Era and related subjects; encourage

By: Rep. Mack Jackson (128th)

Through the Education Committee

Final Bill Summary: House Resolution 881 encourages each public school in the state of Georgia to study the Civil Rights Era and related subjects in order to affirm the commitment of the people of Georgia to reject bigotry, to champion equal protection under the law, and to act in opposition to injustice wherever it occurs. HR 881 encourages the inclusion of curriculum on natural law, the natural rights principles of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and the tactics and strategy of non-violent resistance.

HR 920 Invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation; condemn*By: Rep. David Ralston (7th)**Through the Rules Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Resolution 920 condemns the invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation. The State of Georgia expresses its desire to cease hostilities, including divesting investments in Russia-associated equities and other assets. The resolution calls on Russia to end its unprovoked aggression and calls on the president and the Congress of the United States to continue to take prudent actions to bring about a peaceful and timely end to this conflict.

HR 1025 State of Georgia; recognize copper as critical; urge for inclusion on official United States Geological Survey Critical Minerals List*By: Rep. Bruce Williamson (115th)**Through the Natural Resources & Environment Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Resolution 1025 recognizes copper as crucial to Georgia's economy and urges its inclusion on the United States Geological Survey's List of Critical Minerals.

HR 1050 Water conservation; commend outstanding advancements made by Atlanta metro region and all Georgians; urge continued initiatives*By: Rep. Lynn Smith (70th)**Through the Natural Resources & Environment Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Bill 1050 commends the achievements of the Atlanta metro region and all Georgians related to water conservation. The resolution also urges Georgians to continue water conservation efforts to help growing communities, the agricultural industry, and the state's economy.

HR 1082 House Study Committee on State and Local Law Enforcement Salaries; create*By: Rep. Mike Cheokas (138th)**Through the Public Safety & Homeland Security Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Resolution 1082 creates the House Study Committee on State and Local Law Enforcement Salaries.

HR 1147 President of the United States; consider current geopolitical tensions and support policies and take measures to ensure America's long-term energy affordability, security, leadership, and progress; urge*By: Rep. Emory Dunahoo (30th)**Through the Energy, Utilities & Telecommunications Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Resolution 1147 urges the president of the United States to consider current geopolitical tensions and to support policies and take measures to ensure America's long-term energy affordability, security, leadership, and progress. Measures include actions that result in the continued operation of existing oil and natural gas pipelines, the construction of new pipelines, and ending restrictions on the development of the nation's onshore and offshore oil and natural resources.

HR 1149 House Study Committee on Regulation, Affordability, and Access to Housing; create*By: Rep. Dale Washburn (141st)**Through the Small Business Development Committee*

Final Bill Summary: House Resolution 1149 creates the House Study Committee on Regulation, Affordability, and Access to Housing. The committee is composed of seven members appointed by the speaker of the House, including four members of the House, a real estate industry professional, a serving mayor or county commissioner, and another individual who may be a serving mayor or county commissioner. The committee is abolished on December 1, 2022.

SB 10 "Jaye Mize Law"; promoting illegal drag racing and laying drags; provide for an offense*By: Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th)**Through the Judiciary Non-Civil Committee*

Final Bill Summary: Section I makes it a felony offense to impersonate an officer of the court with punishment of imprisonment of between one to five years, a maximum fine of \$1,000, or both.

Section II makes it a crime to intentionally, secretly place or direct someone else to place a global positioning system (GPS) on a motor vehicle when the car owner or lessee has a protective order against the person placing the GPS.

Section III provides discretion to judges when a person fails to appear for court to order that person's driver's license to be reinstated in lieu of the case being fully adjudicated, and allows the court to waive the

reinstatement fee. The uniform traffic citation is also amended so that failure to appear may result in suspension of the driver's license.

SB 84 Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund; certain communications officers shall be eligible for membership in such fund; provide

By: Sen. John Albers (56th) Through the Retirement Committee

Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 84 allows certain communications officers, who are certified or maintain compliance with Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council's rules and regulations, to become members of the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund. The bill also directs .75% of 9-1-1 charges remitted to the Department of Revenue to the fund. This bill is certified by the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts as a fiscal retirement bill. The actuarial investigation determines there is no cost to this legislation, as the increased revenues to the fund cover the cost of expanding membership.

SB 87 "Senator Jack Hill Veterans' Act"; enact

By: Sen. Michael Rhett (33rd) Through the Ways & Means Committee

Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 87, the 'Senator Jack Hill Veterans' Act,' offers taxpayers the opportunity to contribute to the Technical College System of Georgia Foundation through the Department of Revenue. Taxpayers may elect on their income tax form to authorize the Department of Revenue to reduce the amount of the refund check or increase the amount owed by the desired contribution. The Department of Revenue shall transmit all funds received to the Technical College System of Georgia Foundation to be used exclusively to award scholarships to veterans with service-connected disabilities.

SB 96 Notaries Public; identification of persons for whom notaries perform notarial acts shall be evidenced; valid Veterans Health Identification Card issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs; provide

By: Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd) Through the Defense & Veterans Affairs Committee

Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 96 allows notaries to accept a valid Veterans Health Identification Card issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs as confirmation of identity.

SB 116 Children and Youth Services; registration of maternity supportive house residences to provide housing for pregnant women; provide

By: Sen. Randy Robertson (29th) Through the Health & Human Services Committee

Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 116 allows for registration of maternity-supportive housing residences providing housing for pregnant and postpartum women aged 18 years or older. Registrants pay a \$250 registration fee to the Department of Human Services, and registration certificates are valid for one year. The department will not have authority to implement regulations for registration of maternity homes, but can maintain submitted records. No municipality can constrain the establishment of a maternity home to an extent beyond that of a single-family residence. Non-profits administering housing can partner with other organizations or agencies to provide wraparound services for residents.

SB 120 Solicitors-General of State Courts; honorary office of solicitor-general emeritus; provide

By: Sen. Lindsey Tippins (37th) Through the Judiciary Committee

Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 120, the 'Ethics in Government Act of 2021,' revises Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Code. Definitions are provided to clarify terms already in the chapter. Restrictions on the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission's authority to require additional reporting information are limited to campaign disclosure reports and personal financial statements. The ability for commission staff attorneys to initiate complaints and the commission's ability to initiate investigations based on such complaints are clarified.

No current or former members of the General Assembly shall be eligible to qualify for reelection until and unless all fines and fees owing to the commission have been paid, all disclosure reports due have been filed, and all outstanding taxes have been paid.

Deadlines for the commencement of actions by the commission for alleged violations are specified to coincide with the term of office and the occurrence of the violation, as opposed to the filing of a report containing such violation. Retention periods for accounts maintained by a candidate or treasurer of a campaign committee are clarified. Provisions regarding the allowable disposition of contributions are amended to include the transfer of

contributions to political action committees.

The bill makes clear that a candidate may not utilize campaign funds for the purpose of making loans or investments directly to: the candidate; a member of the candidate's family; any business in which the candidate or a member of the candidate's family has an ownership interest; the candidate's trust or a trust of a member of the candidate's family; or any non-profit organization of which the candidate or a member of the candidate's family is on the payroll or has a controlling interest.

Updates of contribution limits by the commission will now be made after each gubernatorial election cycle, instead of each and every election cycle. The bill specifies when a candidate shall be deemed to have advanced to a subsequent election to clarify when the candidate may access contributions made for the subsequent election.

Public officers who have filed a financial disclosure statement within the previous year are exempted from having to submit an affidavit confirming that they took no official action in the previous calendar year that had a material effect on their private financial or business interests. Candidates seeking election as a public officer are now subject to the same requirement to file financial disclosure statements as the incumbent officers. Financial disclosure statements for candidates of statewide elected office shall be accompanied by a financial statement of the candidate's financial affairs for the five calendar years prior to the year that the election is held. The financial disclosure statements must also include the source or sources of the candidate's income.

Finally, the bill clarifies that lobbyists must file supplemental registration prior to any substantial or material change or addition in their registration.

SB 152 State and Other Flags; pledge of allegiance to the state flag; add language

By: Sen. Randy Robertson (29th) Through the Governmental Affairs Committee

Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 152 updates the wording of the pledge of allegiance to the state flag.

SB 164 HIV Tests; modernization of HIV related laws to align with science; provide

By: Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd) Through the Health & Human Services Committee

Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 164 modernizes human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) laws. These revisions ensure that laws and policies support current understanding of best public health practices for preventing and treating HIV, scientific evidence about routes of transmission, and the public health goals of promoting HIV prevention and treatment.

Additionally, this bill provides that persons charged with exposing someone to HIV through sexual acts must express the intent to transmit HIV and pose a significant risk of transmission based on current scientifically supported levels of risk of transmission. Furthermore, this bill removes criminal penalties for people living with HIV who share hypodermic needles or syringes.

SB 211 Probate Court of Crisp County; office of judge; future elections; provide

By: Sen. Carden Summers (13th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination Committee

Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 211 provides that future elections for the office of the probate court judge of Crisp County shall be non-partisan elections.

SB 220 "The Georgia Civics Renewal Act"; enact

By: Sen. Chuck Payne (54th) Through the Education Committee

Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 220 provides for a mandatory course of instruction in financial literacy for students in eleventh or twelfth grade and creates the Georgia Commission on Civics Education. Beginning in the 2024-2025 school year, the State Board of Education will adopt content standards for minimum course of instruction in financial literacy to be completed by students in eleventh or twelfth grade. By January 1, 2023, the Professional Standards Commission will establish requirements and procedures to ensure educators are deemed licensed to teach financial literacy.

SB 220 cites 'The Georgia Civics Renewal Act,' which creates the Georgia Commission on Civics Education, consisting of 17 members. The purpose of the commission is to provide for and enhance the education of students on the importance of civic involvement, public service, and communication and collaboration among organizations in the state.

SB 226 Sale or Distribution of Harmful Materials to Minors; provisions of Code Section 16-12-103 shall be applicable to libraries operated by schools; provide**By: Sen. Jason Anavitarite (31st)*****Through the Judiciary Non-Civil Committee***

Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 226 requires local boards of education to create a complaint resolution policy for local schools by January 1, 2023. The complaint resolution policy must allow parents or guardians to submit complaints to the school's principal, or the principal's designee, regarding inappropriate content that is harmful to minors and available to the students at the school. The school's principal or designee is required to investigate whether the material is harmful to minors within seven business days from receipt of the complaint, and within 10 business days of the complaint, the school principal or designee must confer with the parent or guardian and inform him or her whether the material was deemed to be harmful and whether access will be removed or restricted moving forward.

Appeals to a decision under this policy will be heard by the local board of education within 30 days receipt of a written appeal. If a local board of education determines the text or material at issue in an appeal is harmful to minors, the title of that text or material shall be available for electronic review on the website of the local board of education within 15 business days from the determination date and will be available for at least one year afterward. If the appealed material is physical in nature, then a parent can view that content in person at the school's media center.

SB 319 "Georgia Constitutional Carry Act of 2021"; enact**By: Sen. Jason Anavitarite (31st)*****Through the Public Safety & Homeland Security Committee***

Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 319 repeals the requirement for a weapons carry license for those who are eligible to possess and carry a firearm.

SB 331 "Protecting Georgia Businesses and Workers Act"; enact**By: Sen. John Albers (56th)*****Through the Industry and Labor Committee***

Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 331 prohibits local jurisdictions from enforcing any rule or ordinance that regulates the hours, scheduling, or outputs during work hours that a private employer is required to provide to employees.

SB 332 "Inform Consumers Act" enact**By: Sen. John Albers (56th)*****Through the Judiciary Committee***

Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 332, the 'Inform Consumers Act,' compels online marketplaces to require any high-volume third-party seller to provide on its platform bank account information, contact information, and a business tax or taxpayer identification number to the online marketplace no later than 10 days after qualifying as a high-volume third-party seller. "High-volume" is defined as having entered into at least 200 transactions of new or unused products of at least \$5,000 in any continuous 12-month period. The online marketplace shall notify each high-volume third-party seller of the requirement to keep this information up to date. Failure to do so requires the online marketplace to suspend any future sales activity until this information is provided.

SB 332 requires high-volume third-party sellers on online marketplaces to disclose to consumers identity information such as the seller's name, physical address, and contact information. Such identity information shall be provided on the product listing page or in the order confirmation following the purchase. Partial disclosure of identity information may be granted to the high-volume third-party seller by the online marketplace if it is certified that the seller does not have the particular identity information.

The attorney general may bring a civil action if he or she has reason to believe that an online marketplace has committed a violation.

SB 333 Education; agents and agent's permits; to repeal definitions of such terms; provisions; remove**By: Sen. John Albers (56th)*****Through the Higher Education Committee***

Final Bill Summary: SB 333 amends O.C.G.A 20-3-250 relating to nonpublic postsecondary educational institutions. The bill expands educational institutions exempted from application of general provisions to include institutions offering education or training through employment experiences or other short courses that do not specifically grant degrees. SB 333 removes language related to agents and agent's permits, updating

how these apply to nonpublic postsecondary educational institutions. Institutions applying to operate postsecondary activities are required to have a financial assessment, and the director of the commission can impose or eliminate bond requirements based on that. The bonds must have a rating of at least a B+.

SB 333 revises Tuition Guaranty Trust Fund participation requirements. Under current law, postsecondary institutions, which were first authorized to operate in Georgia on or after July 1, 1990, were required to participate in the trust fund for five years, but under the provisions of this bill, the institution is required to participate for seven years. SB 333 eliminates the cap on the trust fund, removes bankruptcy of a participating institution as grounds for reimbursements from the trust fund, and prohibits one institution from using more than 10% of the total trust fund unless authorized by a two-thirds majority vote of the commission. SB 333 increases the balance of the trust fund from \$500,000 to at least \$10 million by July 1, 2040.

SB 335 Lumpkin County; board of commissioners; reconstitute

By: Sen. Steve Gooch (51st)

Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 335 reconstitutes the Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners.

SB 336 Bleckley County Board of Education and School Superintendent; new district boundaries; definitions and inclusions; provide

By: Sen. Larry Walker III (20th)

Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

Final Bill Summary: SB 336 provides new district boundaries for the Bleckley County Board of Education.

SB 337 Public Officers; suspension of compensation because of indictment for a felony; provide

By: Sen. Larry Walker III (20th)

Through the Governmental Affairs Committee

Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 337 discontinues compensation for a public official if the official is suspended as a result of a felony indictment.

SB 338 Medicaid; postpartum coverage under Medicaid from six months to one year following birth; increase

By: Sen. Dean Burke (11th)

Through the Health & Human Services Committee

Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 338 extends the period of postpartum Medicaid coverage from six months to one year after delivery.

SB 340 Hospital Authorities and Designated Teaching Hospitals; definitions; revise

By: Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd)

Through the Health & Human Services Committee

Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 340 updates provisions related to medical education accreditation by replacing the "American Medical Association" with the "Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education" as the accrediting body, as well as removing the 50-resident program requirement.

SB 341 Healthcare Services; guidelines for the prior authorization of a prescribed medication for chronic conditions requiring ongoing medication therapy; provide

By: Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd)

Through the Health & Human Services Committee

Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 341 allows prior authorization of medications used to treat chronic conditions to last for a minimum of one year under certain circumstances. The chronic condition has to require ongoing medication, the medication has to be prescribed by a provider, and the medication must fall within the scope of use by the United States Food and Drug Administration or be proven safe and effective by peer-reviewed guidelines. This does not apply to opioid analgesics, benzodiazepines, or medications with a typical treatment period of less than 12 months.

SB 343 Retirement; prohibition of granting postretirement benefit adjustments to any individual who became a member on or after July 1, 2009; remove

By: Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)

Through the Retirement Committee

Final Bill Summary: SB 343 specifies that forfeited leave payments for retirements that become effective after July 1, 2022 are not paid by the employer; instead, these payments will be factored into actuarial assumptions for the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia (ERS) and paid as part of the annual defined

employer contribution. Currently, employers contribute amounts relating to creditable service for forfeited leave payments. The bill also changes the 401(k) match for the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS). Employers will contribute up to a maximum of 5% of the employee's salary and 0.5% for each year of the member's creditable service after five years, for a maximum employer match of 9% at 13 years. This bill is certified by the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts as a non-fiscal retirement bill.

- SB 345 State Government; state and local governments from mandating vaccine passports; prohibit**
By: Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd) Through the Health & Human Services Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 345 prohibits state and local governments from requiring proof of COVID-19 vaccination as a condition of providing services, accessing a facility, issuing licenses or permits, performing duties, and other matters. Exceptions are applied if compliance violates Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services regulations or federal contracts relating to workplace locations.
- SB 346 Department of Administrative Services; companies owned or operated by China to bid on or submit a proposal for a state contract; prohibit**
By: Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd) Through the Governmental Affairs Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 346 requires a company that submits to the state a bid or a contract proposal to certify that the company is not a Chinese government affiliated entity or owned or operated by the government of China. A company's false certification results in civil liability, termination of contract, and ineligibility for future contracts.
- SB 347 White County; new commissioner districts; provide**
By: Sen. Steve Gooch (51st) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 347 provides new districts for the White County Board of Commissioners.
- SB 358 Georgia Public Safety Training Center; reimbursement of certain costs incurred by active duty, retired, or honorably discharged members of the US armed forces who are attending basic law enforcement training; provide**
By: Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd) Through the Public Safety & Homeland Security Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 358 authorizes the Georgia Public Safety Training Center to use funds to reimburse or provide for certain costs incurred in training active duty, retired, or honorably discharged members of the United States Armed Forces who are attending basic law enforcement training to the extent that funds are appropriated by the General Assembly. Eligible costs are limited exclusively to the cost of tuition incurred in connection with such training if the cost is not covered by any other resource available to the service member.
- SB 361 "Law Enforcement Strategic Support Act" or "LESS Crime Act"; enact**
By: Sen. Larry Walker III (20th) Through the Ways & Means Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 361 establishes a tax credit for contributions to "501(c)(3) law enforcement foundations", which are defined as being any domestic non-profit corporation with the sole function of supporting one local law enforcement unit through a formal relationship with such local law enforcement unit. Taxpayers are allowed a 100% income tax credit for qualified donations to law enforcement foundations provided that a single individual or head of household shall not be allowed a credit of more than \$5,000; a married couple, individual who is a member of a limited liability company, a shareholder of a Subchapter 'S' corporation, or a partner in a partnership shall not be allowed a credit of more than \$10,000; and a corporation shall not be allowed a credit of more than 75% of the corporation's income tax liability. This tax credit has an annual aggregate cap of \$75 million and a per law enforcement foundation cap of \$3 million per year. Qualified expenditures by the law enforcement foundations include bonus payments or training of law enforcement officers; purchase, lease, maintenance, or improvement of equipment to be used by law enforcement officers; or costs incurred by the local law enforcement unit for the operation of an emergency response team that combines law enforcement officers and behavioral health specialists.

- SB 362 Lanier County Building Authority; definition of "project"; revise**
By: Sen. Russ Goodman (8th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 362 revises the definition of "project" as defined in the Lanier County Building Authority local law.
- SB 363 "Fair Business Practices Act of 1975,"; class action suits and for damages for violating the requirements for solicitations for corporate filings; provide**
By: Sen. Blake Tillery (19th) Through the Judiciary Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 363 requires solicitations related to corporate filings or employment/labor posters or notices to be labeled as solicitations. Notice that the material is a solicitation and not an official government document shall be on the front of any envelope and include at the top of the page that the solicitation has not been sent by the Secretary of State or the Department of Labor. A violation of this Code section may be brought in a representative capacity and may be the subject of a class action, with damages being the actual damages or \$200, whichever is greater.
- SB 365 Board of Commissioners of Carroll County; descriptions of the commissioner districts; change**
By: Sen. Mike Dugan (30th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 365 changes the description of the Carroll County Board of Commissioners' districts.
- SB 367 Lumpkin County Board of Education; description of the education districts; change**
By: Sen. Steve Gooch (51st) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 367 changes the description of the Lumpkin County Board of Education's districts.
- SB 368 Board of Education of White County; new education districts; provide**
By: Sen. Steve Gooch (51st) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 368 provides for new districts for the White County Board of Education.
- SB 369 Board of Education of Gwinnett County; future elections for members of the board of education shall be nonpartisan; provide**
By: Sen. Clint Dixon (45th) Through the Governmental Affairs Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 369 provides that future elections of the Gwinnett Board of Education are non-partisan.
- SB 373 Board of Commissioners of Haralson County; election of members of the board of commissioners; revise the districts**
By: Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 373 revises the districts for the election of members of the Haralson County Board of Commissioners.
- SB 379 State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia; establish a program to promote the creation and expansion of registered apprenticeship programs in the state; provide**
By: Sen. Brian Strickland (17th) Through the Higher Education Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 379 amends the O.C.G.A. by adding a new article, 20-4-150, that establishes a program to promote the creation and expansion of registered apprenticeship programs in the state. The "High-demand Career Initiatives Program" is under the Office of Workforce Development and has the purpose of incentivizing apprenticeship sponsors to establish new or grow existing registered apprenticeship programs in Georgia in order to expand high-quality work-based learning experiences in high-demand fields and careers. Upon successful completion of the requirements under a contract of an employer sponsor, the sponsor receives a completion reward up to \$10,000 per apprentice.

- SB 384 Board of Commissioners of Columbia County; description of the commissioner districts; change**
By: Sen. Lee Anderson (24th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 384 changes the description of the Columbia County Board of Commissioners' districts.
- SB 385 Board of Education of Columbia County; the description of the education districts; change**
By: Sen. Lee Anderson (24th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 385 changes the description of the Columbia County Board of Education's districts.
- SB 386 Board of Commissioners of Meriwether County; description of the commissioner districts; change**
By: Sen. Randy Robertson (29th) Through the Governmental Affairs Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 386 changes the description of the Meriwether County Board of Commissioners' districts.
- SB 387 Meriwether County Board of Education; description of the education districts; change**
By: Sen. Randy Robertson (29th) Through the Governmental Affairs Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 387 changes the description of the Meriwether County Board of Education's districts.
- SB 391 Board of Commissioners of Jeff Davis County; description of the commissioner districts; change**
By: Sen. Blake Tillery (19th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 391 changes the description of the Jeff Davis County Board of Commissioners' districts.
- SB 392 Board of Education of Jeff Davis County; description of the education districts; change**
By: Sen. Blake Tillery (19th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 392 changes the description of the Jeff Davis County Board of Education's districts.
- SB 395 Mountain Judicial Circuit; third judge of the superior courts; provide**
By: Sen. Bo Hatchett (50th) Through the Judiciary Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 395 increases the number of superior court judges in the Mountain Judicial Circuit from two to three. The third judge is appointed for a term beginning January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2024. His or her successor will be elected at the non-partisan judicial election in 2024.
- SB 396 Georgia State Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP); rename such program the Georgia Grown Farm to Food Bank Program (F2FB)**
By: Sen. Russ Goodman (8th) Through the Agriculture & Consumer Affairs Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 396 renames the Georgia State Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to the Georgia Grown Farm to Food Bank Program (F2FB). The bill sets the price of produce purchased through the program at the seller's input plus one-half of appreciation costs. Each Georgia Grown product purveyor, producer, or processor from which the program procured food shall be included in a required annual report submitted by an entity contracted with the Department of Agriculture for the F2FB program.

Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 397 amends Titles 15, 20, 25, 40, 42, and 43 to replace "general educational development (GED) diplomas" with "state approved high school equivalency (HSE)." Current law provides for a HOPE GED voucher issued upon the receipt of a GED diploma, but SB 397 renames the HOPE GED voucher as the HOPE HSE voucher and shifts the payment of those funds to the cost of taking an approved exam rather than upon receipt of the diploma.

Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 399 changes the description of the McDuffie County Board of Education's districts.

Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 400 changes the description of the McDuffie County Board of Commissioners' districts.

Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 401 changes the description of the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners' districts.

Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 402 changes the description of the Jefferson County Board of Education's districts.

Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 403 requires each community service board (CSB) to establish a co-responder program to work with local law enforcement agencies responding to emergency calls involving people in a behavioral health crisis. Law enforcement agencies have the option to collaborate with co-responder programs and can consider input from the CSB when determining where to refer the individual. Community service board team members must be available in person or virtually during related emergency calls. Emergency facilities that receive individuals transported by the team for evaluation are required to notify the CSB prior to release of the admitted individual. Any law enforcement agency or CSB, along with their personnel, is immune from civil or criminal liability for actions done in good faith related to team dispatch, incarceration of an individual, transportation to an emergency receiving facility, and not taking someone into custody.

Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 404 authorizes the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation to retain fingerprints when the Department of Public Health is obtaining the prints for a program where criminal background checks are authorized for the purpose of determining suitability for employment, placement, registration, a permit, or a license for an agency or entity participating in the federal program, and allows for the ongoing review of the individual's criminal history as it relates to emergency medical services personnel. The department is required to notify the fingerprinted individual of the retention.

- SB 406 Board of Education of Effingham County; description of the education districts; change**
By: Sen. Billy Hickman (4th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 406 changes the description of the Effingham County Board of Education's districts.
- SB 407 Board of Commissioners of Effingham County; description of the commissioner districts; change**
By: Sen. Billy Hickman (4th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 407 changes the description of the Effingham County Board of Commissioners' districts.
- SB 409 Whitfield County Board of Education; description of the education districts; change**
By: Sen. Chuck Payne (54th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 409 changes the description of the Whitfield County Board of Education's districts.
- SB 410 Board of Education of Gordon County; description of the education districts; change**
By: Sen. Chuck Payne (54th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 410 changes the description of the Gordon County Board of Education's districts.
- SB 411 Board of Education of Haralson County; description of the education districts; change**
By: Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 411 changes the description of the Haralson County Board of Education's districts.
- SB 412 Polk County; districts for the election of members of the board of commissioners; revise**
By: Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 412 revises the districts for the election of members of the Polk County Board of Commissioners.
- SB 413 Board of Education for Polk County; new district boundaries; provide**
By: Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 413 provides new district boundaries for the Polk County Board of Education.
- SB 414 Board of Commissioners of Long County; description of the commissioner districts; change**
By: Sen. Blake Tillery (19th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 414 changes the description of the Long County Board of Commissioners' districts.
- SB 415 Board of Education of Long County; description of the education districts; change**
By: Sen. Blake Tillery (19th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 415 changes the description of the Long County Board of Education's districts.

- SB 416 Board of Commissioners of Telfair County; districts for the election of members of the board of commissioners; revise**
By: Sen. Blake Tillery (19th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 416 revises the districts for the election of members of the Telfair County Board of Commissioners.
- SB 417 Board of Education of Berrien County; description of the districts from which members of such board are elected; change**
By: Sen. Tyler Harper (7th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 417 changes the description of the districts from which members of the Berrien County Board of Education are elected.
- SB 418 Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues of Berrien County; new commissioner districts; provide**
By: Sen. Tyler Harper (7th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 418 provides for new Berrien County Board of Commissioners' districts.
- SB 422 Governing Authority of Lowndes County; description of the commissioner districts; change**
By: Sen. Russ Goodman (8th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 422 changes the description of the Lowndes County Board of Commissioners' districts.
- SB 423 Board of Education of Lowndes County; description of the educational districts; change**
By: Sen. Russ Goodman (8th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 423 changes the description of the Lowndes County Board of Education's districts.
- SB 424 Board of Commissioners of Brooks County; description of the commissioner districts; change**
By: Sen. Russ Goodman (8th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 424 changes the description of the Brooks County Board of Commissioners' districts.
- SB 425 Board of Education of Lanier County; education districts for the election of members of the board of education; revise**
By: Sen. Russ Goodman (8th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 425 revises the districts for the election of members of the Lanier County Board of Education.
- SB 426 Board of Commissioners for Lanier County; districts for the election of members of the board of commissioners; revise**
By: Sen. Russ Goodman (8th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 426 revises the districts for the election of members of the Lanier County Board of Commissioners.
- SB 427 Board of Education for Clinch County; description of education districts; change**
By: Sen. Russ Goodman (8th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 427 changes the description of the Clinch County Board of Education's districts.

- SB 428 Board of Commissioners of Clinch County; description of the commissioner districts; change**
By: Sen. Russ Goodman (8th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 428 changes the description of the Clinch County Board of Commissioners' districts.
- SB 429 Board of Education of Brooks County; description of the education districts; change**
By: Sen. Russ Goodman (8th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 429 changes the description of the Brooks County Board of Education's districts.
- SB 430 Board of Commissioners of Worth County; description of the commissioner districts; change**
By: Sen. Carden Summers (13th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 430 changes the description of the Worth County Board of Commissioners' districts.
- SB 431 Worth County Board of Education; description of the education districts; change**
By: Sen. Carden Summers (13th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 431 changes the description of the Worth County Board of Education's districts.
- SB 432 Board of Commissioners for Screven County; election of members; to revise the districts for the election of members; provide**
By: Sen. Max Burns (23rd) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 432 provides for the election of members of the Screven County Board of Commissioners.
- SB 433 Board of Education of Screven County; districts for the election of members of the board of education; revise**
By: Sen. Max Burns (23rd) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 433 revises the districts for the election of members of the Screven County Board of Education.
- SB 434 Board of Commissioners of Warren County; description of the commissioner districts; change**
By: Sen. Max Burns (23rd) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 434 changes the description of the Warren County Board of Commissioners' districts.
- SB 437 Board of Commissioners of Fulton County; future elections for the office of county commissioner shall be nonpartisan elections; provide**
By: Sen. John Albers (56th) Through the Governmental Affairs Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 437 changes the description of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners' districts.
- SB 438 Contracts; certain provisions relating to retainage of progress payments; change**
By: Sen. Lindsey Tippins (37th) Through the Judiciary Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 438 alters the retainage amount for progress payments on public works construction contracts, from the current formula of 10% of the value of the completed work until 50% of the contract is completed, to a new formula of 5% throughout the contract.

- SB 441 Courts; reestablishment of the Criminal Case Data Exchange Board as an advisory board to The Council of Superior Court Clerks of Georgia; provide**
By: Sen. Bo Hatchett (50th) Through the Judiciary Non-Civil Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 441 is the 'Criminal Records Responsibility Act.' This bill moves the Criminal Case Data Exchange Board, established in 2018 under the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, to the Council of Superior Court Clerks of Georgia as an advisory board. The Council of Superior Court Clerks is required to submit the uniform standards adopted by the Criminal Case Data Exchange Board to the judges. The board consists of 19 members who meet quarterly and serve without compensation, except for the reimbursement of expenses. The board is required to create uniform standards for the creation and transmission of electronic criminal history data between local and state justice agencies. Data includes: arrests; indictments; accusations; information; and final dispositions from convictions. Further, the board must make recommendations and carry out duties to receive and disburse federal funds for criminal case data exchange and management. By November 1, 2022, the board must make a recommendation for adoption of an automated system for notifications to victims in certain situations. Further, the bill adds a requirement that district attorneys or solicitors-general are required to ensure disposition information is submitted when a final disposition decision is made by a district attorney or solicitor-general. The bill also adds a duty that the Georgia Crime Information Center (GCIC) advise and update the policies to reflect the uniform standards issued by the Council of Superior Court Clerks of Georgia. GCIC is required to provide to each clerk of superior court a quarterly report that details the number of open criminal charges, time expired restricted charges, and closed criminal charges of each county. The reports must also be presented to judges or prosecutors upon request.
- Finally, the bill provides original jurisdiction to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) to identify and investigate election-related claims if there is sufficient evidence to change or place in doubt the result of an election. In an election-related investigation, the GBI director, assistant director, and deputy director for investigations are authorized to issue a subpoena, with the consent of the attorney general, to compel the production of books, papers, documents, or other tangible items.
- SB 445 National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974; civil penalties; revise**
By: Sen. Max Burns (23rd) Through the Regulated Industries Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 445 amends the state civil penalties available for violations of the 'National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974' by removing the \$1,000 maximum penalty and replacing it with the penalty set by federal regulation in 24 C.F.R. Section 3282.10.
- SB 446 Board of Education of Warren County; description of the education districts; change**
By: Sen. Max Burns (23rd) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: SB 446 changes the description of the Warren County Board of Education's districts.
- SB 447 Board of Commissioners of Glascock County; add two members to the board**
By: Sen. Max Burns (23rd) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 447 adds two members to the Glascock County Board of Commissioners and provides for the districts for the election of members of the board.
- SB 450 Board of Commissioners of Newton County; description of the commissioner districts; change**
By: Sen. Brian Strickland (17th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 450 changes the description of the Newton County Board of Commissioners' districts.
- SB 451 Board of Education of Newton County; description of the education districts; change**
By: Sen. Brian Strickland (17th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 451 changes the description of the Newton County Board of Education's districts.

- SB 453 "Macon Water Authority Act,"; description of the electoral districts; change**
By: Sen. John Kennedy (18th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 453 changes the description of the electoral districts of the Macon-Bibb County Water Authority.
- SB 454 Board of Public Education for Bibb County; description of the education districts; change**
By: Sen. John Kennedy (18th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: SB 454 changes the description of the Bibb County Board of Education's districts.
- SB 457 Richmond County and the City of Augusta; description of the commission districts; change**
By: Sen. Max Burns (23rd) Through the Governmental Affairs Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 457 changes the description of the Augusta-Richmond County Commission districts.
- SB 458 County of Richmond; description of the school board districts; change**
By: Sen. Max Burns (23rd) Through the Governmental Affairs Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 458 changes the description of the Richmond County school districts.
- SB 461 Bails, Bonds; human trafficking as aailable offense; add the offense**
By: Sen. Clint Dixon (45th) Through the Judiciary Non-Civil Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 461 adds human trafficking-related crimes in O.C.G.A. 16-5-46 to the list of crimes that only a superior court judge can set bail for.
- SB 463 Board of Education of Henry County; description of the districts; change**
By: Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 463 changes the description of the districts from which members of the Henry County Board of Education are elected.
- SB 464 Board of Commissioners of Henry County; description of the commissioner districts; change**
By: Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 464 changes the description of the Henry County Board of Commissioners' districts.
- SB 466 DeKalb County; change the description of the education districts; change**
By: Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: SB 466 changes the description of the DeKalb County Board of Education's districts.
- SB 469 Watercraft; certain watercraft to have day and night visual distress signals on board when on coastal waters of Georgia; require**
By: Sen. Tyler Harper (7th) Through the Game, Fish, & Parks Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 469 aligns Georgia law with federal law regarding requirements related to visual distress signals and floatation devices.
- SB 470 Mortgage Lenders and Brokers; different categories of felony convictions for purposes of investigations of mortgage loan originator applicants; provide**
By: Sen. Randy Robertson (29th) Through the Banks & Banking Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 470 replaces the term "agent" with the term "covered employee" in the list of persons the Department of Banking and Finance shall revoke mortgage licenses to because of a felony conviction. "Covered employee" is defined as a mortgage lender or broker employee involved in residential

mortgage loan-related activities for Georgia properties who has access to loan origination, processing, or underwriting information.

- SB 472 Public Service Commission; description of the election districts for members; change**
By: Sen. John Kennedy (18th) Through the Legislative & Congressional Reapportionment Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 472 changes the description of the election districts for members of the Public Service Commission.
- SB 473 Sumter County Board of Education and School Superintendent; description of the education districts; change**
By: Sen. Freddie Sims (12th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 473 changes the description of the Sumter County Board of Education's districts.
- SB 475 Board of Commissioners of Wilkinson County; description of the commissioner districts; change**
By: Sen. David Lucas (26th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 475 changes the description of the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners' districts.
- SB 476 Board of Education of Wilkinson County; description of the districts; change**
By: Sen. David Lucas (26th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 476 changes the description of the Wilkinson County Board of Education's districts.
- SB 479 Firearms by Convicted Felons and First Offender Probationers; each firearm in the possession or attempted possession of certain offenders shall be charged as a separate offense; specify**
By: Sen. Bo Hatchett (50th) Through the Judiciary Non-Civil Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 479 increases the penalty for those who: are on probation as a felony first offender, are on probation for a felony, or have been convicted of a felony in Georgia or elsewhere; and receive, possess, or transport a firearm. This bill makes it a separate violation for each firearm that is connected to the crime.
- SB 482 Paulding County Board of Education; districts for election of members; revise**
By: Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 482 revises the districts for the election of members of the Paulding County Board of Education.
- SB 486 Agricultural Commodity Commission for Propane; full or partial remote communication with regard to public hearings; provide**
By: Sen. Tyler Harper (7th) Through the Agriculture & Consumer Affairs Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 486 allows any meeting of the Agricultural Commodity Commission for Propane to be held in-person, remotely, or a combination of in-person and remote. Notice of a hearing shall be provided on the commission's website and in the Farmers and Consumers Market Bulletin, or a similar publication.
- SB 486 changes the process of adopting an assessment to require a minimum response rate of 25% of notified eligible dealers and two-thirds of eligible votes cast in favor of the assessment.

- SB 488 Board of Commissioners of Twiggs County; description of the commissioner districts; change**
By: Sen. David Lucas (26th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 488 changes the description of the Twiggs County Board of Commissioners' districts.
- SB 489 Board of Education of Twiggs County; description of the education districts; change**
By: Sen. David Lucas (26th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 489 changes the description of the Twiggs County Board of Education's districts.
- SB 493 Time-Share Projects and Programs; nonjudicial foreclosure of time-share estates; authorize**
By: Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd) Through the Judiciary Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 493 authorizes non-judicial foreclosures of time-share estates by an owners' association. The notice of sale shall be in writing sent by registered/certified mail or overnight delivery no later than 30 days prior to the date of the proposed sale, or alternatively by advertising in a local newspaper.
- SB 496 Death Investigations; medical examiner's inquiry when a pregnant female dies and an inquest; require**
By: Sen. Dean Burke (11th) Through the Health & Human Services Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 496 requires a medical examiner's inquiry in cases where a woman dies within 365 days of being pregnant. This requirement is waived in cases when such woman dies from the result of a motor vehicle accident or when the cause of death is known. Coroners or medical examiners notified of such death are required to order an inquiry through a regional perinatal center.
- SB 500 Commerce; a litigation bar on governmental entities regarding certain statewide opioid litigation; provide**
By: Sen. Brian Strickland (17th) Through the Judiciary Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 500 concerns statewide opioid settlements and the state accessing the full amount of any settlement. It provides that entry into a statewide opioid settlement agreement bars past, present, or future claims on behalf of any governmental entity seeking to recover against an entity released under the relevant settlement agreement. The bar does not apply to bellwether claims of any entity, provided the claim is not brought in or selected by the court in relationship to the National Prescription Opiate Litigation, Case No.: MDL 2804 as a bellwether claim.
- SB 503 City of Macon, the City of Payne City, and Bibb County; new commissioner districts; provide**
By: Sen. John Kennedy (18th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 503 provides for new Macon-Bibb County Commission districts.
- SB 505 Communications Officers; 9-1-1 communications officers receive training in the delivery of high-quality telephone cardiopulmonary resuscitation; require**
By: Sen. Randy Robertson (29th) Through the Public Safety & Homeland Security Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 505 requires 9-1-1 communications officers to receive training in the delivery of high-quality telephone cardiopulmonary resuscitation in addition to basic training. On and after July 1, 2024, no person will be certified by the council without satisfying this requirement. By January 1, 2024 and in coordination with the Georgia Emergency Communications Authority, the council must establish an amount of continuing education units to be completed annually by communications officers.
- SB 514 "Unmask Georgia Students Act"; enact**
By: Sen. Clint Dixon (45th) Through the Education Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 514 creates the 'Unmask Georgia Students Act.' SB 514 provides that no local board of education, local school superintendent, governing body of a charter school, or school personnel can make or enforce any rules that require students to wear face masks or face coverings while present in any area of a school, unless that rule allows a parent or guardian to exempt their child from such rule. A parent who

exempts their child is not required to provide a reason or show any certification of a child's health status. A student cannot suffer any adverse disciplinary or academic consequences as a result of the decision of the parent. SB 514 sunsets on June 30, 2027.

- SB 522 Board of Education of Harris County; description of the education districts; change**
By: Sen. Randy Robertson (29th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: SB 522 changes the description of the Harris County Board of Education's districts.
- SB 534 State Government; certain procedural requirements and considerations for the adoption of rules by state agencies that are applicable to charitable organizations; provide**
By: Sen. John Kennedy (18th) Through the Governmental Affairs Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 534 amends the 'Administrative Procedures Act' to provide guidelines for amending, adopting, and repealing rules that affect charitable organizations.
- SB 539 Wiretapping, Eavesdropping, Surveillance; use of any device to photograph or record patients in a health care facility shall be unlawful; provide**
By: Sen. Bo Hatchett (50th) Through the Judiciary Non-Civil Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 539 amends O.C.G.A. 16-11-62 to prohibit the unknowing photography or recording of activities of patients that occur in a facility operated by a county board of health without the consent of all patients observed. The punishment is a felony with imprisonment of between one to five years, a maximum fine of \$10,000, or both.
- SB 543 Wrongful Death; a parent who is determined to be responsible for the homicide of his or her child shall have no right of recovery against the value of the child's life; provide**
By: Sen. Sonya Halpern (39th) Through the Judiciary Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 543 clarifies Georgia's slayer statute by prohibiting an individual who kills, conspires to kill, or procures the killing of another from subsequently claiming a right to recover from the decedent's estate.
- SB 547 Carrollton Board of Education; the description of the education wards; change**
By: Sen. Mike Dugan (30th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 547 changes the description of the education wards of the Carrollton Independent School System.
- SB 548 City of Carrollton, Georgia; exercise all redevelopment and other powers under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Georgia Constitution; authorize**
By: Sen. Mike Dugan (30th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 548 authorizes the city of Carrollton to exercise all redevelopment powers found in Code and the Constitution.
- SB 549 City of Carrollton; description of the election wards for the city council; change**
By: Sen. Mike Dugan (30th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 549 changes the description of the election wards for the Carrollton City Council.
- SB 553 Watercraft; any person 15 years of age or older to operate a Class 1, Class 2, or Class 3 vessel; authorize**
By: Sen. Randy Robertson (29th) Through the Game, Fish, & Parks Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 553 allows a person 15 years or older to operate a Class 1, Class 2, or Class 3 vessel on state waters if the individual has proper identification or an instruction permit and is accompanied by an adult that is 18 years or older. The accompanying adult must also be authorized to operate the vessel and be able to take control of the vessel.

- SB 554** **Treutlen County Board of Education; new education districts; provide**
By: Sen. Blake Tillery (19th) *Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 554 provides for new districts for the Treutlen County Board of Education.
- SB 555** **Board of Commissioners of Treutlen County; new commissioner districts; provide**
By: Sen. Blake Tillery (19th) *Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 555 provides for new districts for the Treutlen County Board of Commissioners.
- SB 559** **City of Thomson; description of the election districts for the members of the city council; change**
By: Sen. Max Burns (23rd) *Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 559 changes the description of the election districts for the members of the Thomson City Council.
- SB 562** **Department of Administrative Services; companies owned or operated by Russia to bid on or submit a proposal for a state contract; prohibit**
By: Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd) *Through the Governmental Affairs Committee*
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 562 prohibits companies owned or operated by the governments of Russia or Belarus from bidding on or submitting a proposal for a state contract. The bill requires a company that submits a bid or a contract proposal to certify that the company is not owned or operated by the governments of Russia or Belarus. A company's false certification will result in civil liability, termination of contract, and ineligibility for future contracts.
- SB 565** **Sentence and Punishment; any time after conviction; defendant convicted of an offense and sentenced as a direct result of being a victim of trafficking for labor or sexual servitude may petition the sentencing court to grant the relief of vacatur; provide**
By: Sen. Brian Strickland (17th) *Through the Judiciary Non-Civil Committee*
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 565 allows for a victim of human trafficking to vacate his or her sentence through a petition. This bill changes the timeframe of the existing procedure and allows the petition to be filed at any time following a conviction of a misdemeanor or felony. Furthermore, reimbursement of any fines and fees previously paid by the victim to the court that is vacating the sentence shall be paid to the victim from the Georgia Crime Victims Emergency Fund, which creates a debt owed to the state that the Georgia Crime Victims Compensation Board shall seek reimbursement for from the applicable entities. The bill also allows for remote testimony of the petitioner and expert witnesses.
- SB 566** **Surprise Billing Consumer Protection Act; a medical or traumatic condition includes a mental health condition or substance use disorder; emergency medical services include post-stabilization services; clarify**
By: Sen. Dean Burke (11th) *Through the Insurance Committee*
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 566 adds mental health and substance use conditions to the definition of "emergency medical services" in order to include the conditions in the 'Surprise Billing Consumer Act.' The bill also clarifies that an emergency department visit that leads to inpatient admission is billed as one service.
- SB 570** **Sumter County Board of Education and School Superintendent; provide for seven education districts; the description of the education districts; change**
By: Sen. Freddie Sims (12th) *Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 570 provides for seven education districts for the Sumter County Board of Education.

- SB 573 Hospitals and Health Care Facilities; hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers to utilize surgical smoke evacuation systems during surgical procedures to protect patients and health care workers from the hazards of surgical smoke; require**
By: Sen. Matt Brass (28th) Through the Health & Human Services Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 573 requires hospitals to adopt policies to reduce exposure to surgical smoke.
- SB 576 Grandparents or Family Members Visitation Rights; provisions regarding visitation actions brought by certain grandparents of minor children; revise**
By: Sen. Brian Strickland (17th) Through the Judiciary Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 576 relates to grandparent visitation rights and establishes that if one of the parents of a minor child dies, is incapacitated, or is incarcerated, the court may award reasonable visitation if the court finds by clear and convincing evidence that it is in the best interests of the child and the health or welfare of the child is harmed unless visitation is granted. Based on an evaluation of the grandparent's relationship prior to the death, incapacitation, or incarceration of the child's parent, the court shall consider and may find that harm to the child can result from denial of visitation. A rebuttable presumption is created that a child denied contact with his or her grandparent or who is not provided minimal opportunity for contact may suffer emotional injury harmful to the child's health.
- SB 581 Property Boundary Lines; plane coordinates for defining and stating geographic position within this state as the Georgia State Plane Coordinate System; designate**
By: Sen. Larry Walker III (20th) Through the Small Business Development Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 581 designates the Georgia State Plane Coordinate System as the system for defining and stating geographic positions for property surveying within the state. Continued use of legal descriptions under the old system remain valid in the new system designation.
- SB 586 Road Projects; the use of the design-build contracting method by counties; authorize**
By: Sen. Steve Gooch (51st) Through the Transportation Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 586 authorizes counties to use the design-build contracting method.
- SB 588 Local Boards of Education; all meetings of local boards of education shall be open to the public except as otherwise provided by law; provide**
By: Sen. Butch Miller (49th) Through the Education Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 588 amends O.C.G.A. 20-2-58 to provide that all meetings of a local board of education have a public comment period on its agenda posted prior to the meeting. Each local board must set the dates of their meetings annually and make that schedule available to the public on its website. Each local board must adopt rules of conduct for public meetings and publish these in a prominent manner on its website. No member of the public is to be removed from a meeting unless there is an actual disruption of the proceedings or there is a violation of the rules of conduct established by that board. Visual and sound recordings are permitted at all public meetings of a local board of education.
- SB 605 Employment Security; certain nonprofit organizations have the option of making installment payments to finance unemployment benefits paid to its employees for certain time periods during the COVID-19 public health emergency; provide**
By: Sen. Dean Burke (11th) Through the Industry and Labor Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 605 allows a non-profit organization that previously elected to make payments in lieu of contributions for unemployment insurance between January 1, 2020, and January 1, 2022, and that owes more than \$360,000 for any year to elect to make those payments over a three-year period in equal monthly installments without any penalties or interest. This option only applies to non-profit organizations that had unemployment insurance coverage during that year and the insurance provider denied coverage for unemployment claims arising from the public health emergency during that period. These provisions stand repealed on December 31, 2026.

- SB 610 Department of Community Health; conduct a comprehensive review of provider reimbursement rates for home and community based services covered by the waiver programs; require**
By: Sen. Sally Harrell (40th) Through the Human Relations & Aging Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 610 requires the Department of Community Health to conduct a comprehensive review every four years of provider reimbursement rates for home and community-based waiver services and programs, and propose rate models, policy changes, and fiscal projections.

SB 610 instructs the Department of Community Health to submit a waiver request to the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services allowing private mental health institutions to qualify for Medicaid reimbursement.
- SB 612 City of Stockbridge; corporate limits of such municipality; change**
By: Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 612 changes the corporate limits of the city of Stockbridge and provides for the city council's districts.
- SB 615 Town of Lyerly; annexation of certain territory into the boundaries of the city; provide**
By: Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 615 provides for the annexation of certain territory into the town of Lyerly.
- SB 616 State Court of Chattooga County; compensation of the solicitor-general; change**
By: Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 616 changes the compensation of the solicitor-general of the Chattooga County State Court to an annual salary equal to 85% of the salary of the state court judge, not including any local supplements.
- SB 620 City of Doraville; levy on excise tax; procedures, conditions, and limitations; provide**
By: Sen. Sally Harrell (40th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 620 authorizes the city of Doraville to levy an excise tax.
- SB 621 City of Doraville; certain councilmembers are elected by districts; provide**
By: Sen. Sally Harrell (40th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 621 provides that certain councilmembers of the city of Doraville are elected by district.
- SB 622 City of Doraville; the amount of a homestead exemption from City of Doraville ad valorem taxes; revise**
By: Sen. Sally Harrell (40th) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 622 revises the amount of a city of Doraville homestead exemption by providing each resident of the city a \$10,000 exemption off the assessed value of the homestead plus an amount that provides the dollar equivalent of a 2.5 mill reduction of the millage rate.
- SB 624 "City of Cedartown Public Facilities Authority Act"; enact**
By: Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 624 creates the Cedartown Public Facilities Authority.
- SB 632 Rockdale County School District; ad valorem taxes for educational purposes; increase the exemption**
By: Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd) Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 632 increases a Rockdale County School District senior homestead exemption to \$50,000.

- SB 635** **Henry County; compensation of such judge of the Probate Court; change the provisions**
By: Sen. Brian Strickland (17th) *Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 635 changes provisions relating to the compensation of the Henry County Probate Court judge to an annual salary equal to 90% of the then-current total compensation, including the base salary and supplements, of the judges of the Flint Judicial Circuit.
- SB 636** **Board of Education of Warren County; compensation provisions for the chairperson and for members of the board; revise**
By: Sen. Max Burns (23rd) *Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 636 revises the compensation for the Warren County Board of Education. The chairperson shall receive \$250 per meeting and the other members of the board shall receive \$200 per meeting.
- SB 637** **City of Senoia Building and Facilities Authority; create**
By: Sen. Matt Brass (28th) *Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 637 creates the city of Senoia Building and Facilities Authority.
- SB 638** **Rockdale County Public Facilities Authority; create**
By: Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd) *Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 638 creates the Rockdale County Public Facilities Authority.
- SB 641** **Chattahoochee Hills Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority; create**
By: Sen. Matt Brass (28th) *Through the Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee*
Final Bill Summary: Senate Bill 641 creates the Chattahoochee Hills Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority.
- SR 463** **Joint Study Committee on the Electrification of Transportation; create**
By: Sen. Steve Gooch (51st) *Through the Transportation Committee*
Final Bill Summary: Senate Resolution 463 creates the Joint Study Committee on the Electrification of Transportation.
- SR 477** **Joint Georgia Music Heritage Study Committee; create**
By: Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd) *Through the Creative Arts & Entertainment Committee*
Final Bill Summary: Senate Resolution 477 creates the Georgia Music Heritage Study Committee to examine: the economic impact of the music industry in Georgia, as well as ways to measure, expand, and promote the state's music economy and foster integration with other creative industries, including film, digital media, and gaming; the current state of the music tourism sector in Georgia and ways to support, promote, and grow that sector; musical tour and theatrical productions in Georgia and ways to develop, promote, and attract investment from that sector of the industry; and the Georgia Music Hall of Fame and its awards ceremony and ways that the institution can promote music in the state while providing for continued economic development. The committee is composed of 14 members: six members of the Senate and eight members of the House of Representatives. This committee is abolished on December 1, 2022.
- SR 504** **Native American Tribes; recognize**
By: Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd) *Through the State Planning & Community Affairs Committee*
Final Bill Summary: Senate Resolution 504 recognizes the significant role that Native American tribes have played in Georgia and dedicates a Georgia red cedar tree on the State Capitol grounds in their honor. A Native American Day ceremony will be held at the State Capitol on November 17, 2022.

SR 596 Isaiah "Coach" Berry Memorial Intersection; Barrow County; dedicate***By: Sen. Frank Ginn (47th)******Through the Transportation Committee***

Final Bill Summary: Senate Resolution 596 is the annual Senate road dedication package. The House substitute includes the following Senate and House Resolutions:

SR 596, dedicating the intersection of State Route 81 and Tom Miller Road in Barrow County as the Isaiah "Coach" Berry Memorial Intersection;

SR 308, dedicating the intersection at SR 6/US 278 and SR 101/6BU in Polk County as the Sergeant Barry Henderson Memorial Intersection;

SR 391, dedicating the portion of State Route 36 from the Butts/Lamar County line to Jones Road in Lamar County as the Dr. Benny Tate Parkway;

SR 411, dedicating the portion of State Route 94 from State Route 121 to the Georgia/Florida state line in Charlton County, Georgia, as the Sheriff Ernest "Dobie" Conner Highway;

SR 412, dedicating the intersection of U.S. 27 and Alabama Street in Carroll County as the Dr. Samuel D. Thomas I Memorial Intersection;

SR 503, dedicating the bridge on State Route 166 over Dog River Reservoir in Douglas County as the Bill Hembree Bridge;

SR 519, dedicating the intersection at State Route 75 Connector/Appalachian Parkway and NOK Drive in White County as the Officer Carol Leigh Ledford Memorial Intersection;

SR 520, dedicating the intersection of U.S. 19 and Cleveland Street/Glenn Gooch Parkway in Union County as the Carlton Colwell Intersection;

SR 521, dedicating the intersection of State Route 400 and Dawson Forest Road in Dawson County as the Mike Berg Intersection;

SR 428, dedicating the intersection of State Route 400 and Harmony Church Road/Lumpkin Campground Road in Dawson County as the Edna Jo Mize Intersection;

SR 499, dedicating the portion of State Route 400 from Mansell Road in Fulton County to State Route 20 in Forsyth County as The Technology Corridor;

SR 476, dedicating the intersection of U.S. 27 and Pearl Drive in Walker County as the Doris Greene Mullis Memorial Intersection;

SR 487, dedicating the intersection of State Route 341 and Gordon Street/10th Street in Walker County as the Congressman Gordon Lee Memorial Intersection;

SR 557, dedicating the intersection of State Route 157 and State Route 136 in Walker County as the McLemore Resort Community Intersection;

SR 555, dedicating the intersection of State Route 136 and State Route 189 in Dade County as the Commissioner Allan Bradford Memorial Intersection;

SR 589, dedicating the interchange of Interstate 59 at Deer Head Cove Road in Dade County as the Ralph and Beatrice Rumley Memorial Interchange;

SR 637, dedicating the intersection of State Route 341 and Euclid Avenue in Walker County as The Honorable Mayor Ray Crowder Intersection;

HR 684, dedicating the intersection at State Route 6 and State Route 100 in Polk County as the Judge Dan Winn Intersection;

HR 841, dedicating the portion of State Route 82 within the city limits of Enigma in Berrien County as the Bobby Rowan - Enigma Parkway;

HR 867, dedicating the intersection at U.S. 76 and State Route 288 south of the Hiwassee River in Towns County as the Sheriff Jay Vernon Chastain, Sr., Memorial Intersection;

HR 878, dedicating the bridge on State Route 268 over Broxton Creek in Coffee County as the PFC Charles E. Day and SFC Jerome Day Bridge;

HR 918, dedicating the bridge on State Route 20 over the CSX Rail Line south of Reid Street in Gwinnett County as the Judge Ramón Alvarado Bridge;

HR 931, dedicating the intersection of State Route 92 and Sandy Plains Road in Cobb County as the Kip Klein Memorial Intersection;

HR 937, dedicating the portion of State Route 57 within the boundaries of Long County as the Deputy Sheldon Whiteman Memorial Highway;

HR 940, dedicating the intersection of State Route 20 and East Crogan Street in Gwinnett County as the Judge Emily Pate Powell Intersection;

HR 938, dedicating the bridge on State Route 284 over Lake Lanier in Hall County as the Carl Rogers Bridge;

HR 939, dedicating the bridge on State Route 66 over Brasstown Creek in Towns County as the Reverend James "Jimmy" Richard Rogers, Sr., Bridge;

HR 1001, dedicating the portion of U.S. 27 within the city limits of Hamilton in Harris County as the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Highway;

HR 1002, dedicating the portion of U.S. 80 from the city limits of Swainsboro to the city limits of Twin City in Emanuel County, Georgia, as the Sheriff Tyson Stephens Memorial Highway;

HR 1028, dedicating the bridge on State Route 166/Langford Parkway over the I-75/I-85/Downtown Connector in Fulton County as the Gregory Stalls, Sr., Memorial Bridge;

HR 1047, dedicating the bridge on State Route 136 over Talking Rock Creek in Pickens County as the N.C. Low, Jr., Memorial Bridge;

HR 1084, dedicating the portion of State Route 13 from Interstate 75/Interstate 85 to Peachtree Road in Fulton County, Georgia as the Jovita Moore Memorial Highway;

HR 1102, dedicating the portion of State Route 17 from the southern Elberton city limits (mile marker 9) to the Broad River (mile marker 0) in Elbert County as the Representative Thomas Allen McCall Highway;

HR 1104, dedicating the portion of State Route 3 from Ivan Allen, Jr., Boulevard to Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive in Fulton County, Georgia, as the Black Music and Entertainment Walk of Fame Highway;

HR 1105, dedicating the portion of State Route 85 Connector from State Route 16 to State Route 85 as the Huie Bray Memorial Highway;

HR 1124, dedicating the intersection of U.S. 1/U.S. 23/State Route 4 and South Augusta Avenue in Ware County as the Ken Bennett Memorial Intersection;

HR 1125, dedicating the intersection of U.S.1/Scapa Dryer Road and Fulford Road in Ware County as the Colonel Frank Norton Crossing;

HR 1167, dedicating the bridge on State Route 92 over Lake Allatoona in Cobb County as the Mayor's Bridge;

HR 941, dedicating the interchange of Interstate 516 and U.S. Route 17/Ogeechee Road in Chatham County as the Doug Weathers Interchange;

HR 942, dedicating the U.S. Route 17 Bridge east of Red Gate Farms Road over the CSX Rail Line in Chatham County; and

Repealing the "HBCU Presidents' HERO Bridge" (2021 Session) and dedicating the portion of Interstate 20 from Northside Drive to Joseph E. Lowery Boulevard as the HBCU Presidents' HERO Highway.